

# Swing Gate News

12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017



## Diary Dates

### SEPTEMBER 2017

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Tennis Workshop

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Coffee Morning

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Y2 Castles Day

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 3:00pm  
Meet the Teacher, R, Y1  
& Y2

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sept  
School Photos

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Sept  
FS PE Workshop

### OCTOBER 2017

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct  
Rotary Club Shoe Box  
Appeal Assembly

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Census Day

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 15.30-18.00  
Parents Evening

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 17:30-  
20:00  
Parents Evening

tbc  
Harvest at St Peter's

tbc  
FoSG - AGM

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.45 pm  
FoSG – Film Night

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct  
School closes for half  
term at the usual time

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the new year. I was delighted to meet the new children in assembly last Monday. They were introduced to the school and were warmly welcomed. I was pleased to see the children so smartly dressed in their uniforms and to walk about the school see them demonstrating excellent behavior for learning.

The Nursery children started school this week, they will have their welcome assembly next week once they are more used to the routines of the day. I have been into class and they have settling in very well so far.



## WELCOME COFFEE MORNING

I hope to meet you at the Welcome Coffee Morning tomorrow after drop off. Thank you to the Friends of Swing Gate for organising and running the event. Lisa MacGovern our Family Support Worker will also be there to talk to parents.

## STAR of the WEEK

Every week a child from each class will receive a 'Star of the Week' certificate. The Assembly is on Wednesday mornings and the children are awarded the honor for their best efforts and achievements. You can see our celebration board in the front entrance.

## ATTENDANCE

At the Star of the Week Assembly there will also be a monthly award for the class that has the best attendance. An 'Attend and Achieve' cup will be presented to the class with the highest attendance.

## SAFETY

For children's safety please access the school through the pedestrian gate or the top gates, keeping within the white painted lines. Please do not block any of the gates as they are in constant use for deliveries, staff and disabled access.

## THEMED LUNCHES

There will be a number of themed lunches this year, the first of which will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October and coincides with our Census Day. Menu choices have been sent home, the greater the take up of school dinners on that day the better, as it has a direct impact on funding.

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## PAUSE for THOUGHT

*'Now let us welcome the new year,  
full of things that never were.'*

*Rainer Maria Rilke  
(German poet and novelist)*

## LIVING EGGS

Year 1 children are excited and very fortunate to be able to observe real chicks hatch from their eggs this week. This is the 'Super Starter' for the Amazing Animals theme.

The chicks are being housed in the Year 1 classrooms, Rabbits this week and Hedgehogs next week. All children in school will be given an opportunity to visit and observe the chicks.



## CASTLES DAY

Year 2 children are looking forward to their Castles Day next week...

## UNIFORM

Thank you for sending in the children so smartly dressed in their school uniforms. I am trying to ensure that the correct uniform is worn by all children at all times. I have asked the class teachers to send home notes when items of uniform have been forgotten.

## LITTLE DEERS CHILDREN'S CLUB

Little Deers Children's Club is an after school club for Nursery children based at Swing Gate School. They are also open to children from the age of three who do not attend Swing Gate School. Funding is available for all qualifying children the term after they turn three.

The club is run by Lynne Hanson and all members of staff are qualified to NVQ Level 3 standard. They provide quality care and a happy, friendly and safe environment for children to learn and play.

The club is open Monday to Friday, 12:00 to 15:00 for children not attending Swing Gate School and 11:30 to 15:00 for Swing Gate Nursery children.

For more information contact Lynne Hanson on 07756 985715 or email [littledeers@swinggate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:littledeers@swinggate.herts.sch.uk) for more information or to apply for a place.



## Reminders

Please return the data collection sheets as this provides school with important information such as updated contact details that are vital in emergencies.

*Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)*

*Headteacher*

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