

Swing Gate News

29th Sept 2017



Diary Dates

OCTOBER 2017

Mon 2nd Oct
Rotary Club Shoe Box
Appeal Assembly

Tues 3rd Oct 10.00
Deadline for Parent
Governor nominations

Weds 4th Oct
Deadline for
photograph orders

Thurs 5th Oct
Census Day Lunch

Fri 6th Oct
Harvest Practice at St
Peter's Church

Tues 10th Oct 15.40-18.00
Parents Evening

Thurs 12th Oct 17:30-
19:40
Parents Evening

Fri 13th Oct 10:00
Harvest Festival at St
Peter's Church

Fri 13th Oct 2:45 pm
FoSG – Film Night

Sat 14th Oct
FoGS Photos by Carrie

Wed 18th Oct 8:45 am
FoSG AGM

Fri 20th Oct
School closes for half
term at the usual time

HALF TERM

Thurs 2nd Nov
Bonfire theme Lunch

Tues 7th Nov
Karate coaching day

Weds 8th Nov 09:30
Tour of school for
prospective parents

HARVEST

Ms Keough has been getting the children in fine voice and has arranged to hold the Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church on Fri 13th Oct at 10:00. You are welcome to join us.



We would like to take the children to St Peter's on Fri 6th Oct for a rehearsal and are appealing for parents to accompany us for either visits. We will be leaving the school at 10:00 on 6th and 9:15 on 13th. If you are able to help, please let the class teacher know.

As part of the Harvest festival we will be collecting items for DENS, a local charity which helps to tackle homelessness and poverty in Dacorum. We would be grateful for any donations and will arrange to have them collected after the festival. A flyer with suggested items will be sent later.

Photographs

The deadline for putting in your photograph order is Wednesday 4th October.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Once again we have invited the Rotary Club to give an assembly about the Shoe Box appeal. I do enjoy seeing the artwork by the children when they decorate the boxes.

I am always touched by the generosity of spirit of the Swing Gate family as they fill the boxes with items to give families in Romania with that something extra for winter.

SAFETY Assembly

The children (except for Nursery) attended a safety assembly delivered by Osborne Construction this week. They will be making Safety Posters in class and Osborne will judge them. Two children from each class will receive a prize for the best design.



THEMED LUNCHES

Our next themed lunch is Bonfire on Thurs 2nd and will provide an extra 'wow' for a time of year that the children always enjoy. The letters with the menu choices will be coming out soon.

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PAUSE for THOUGHT

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

Mother Teresa

(Albanian Nobel Peace Prize Winner)

GOVERNORS APPEAL

The letters regarding the appeal for new Parent Governors went out last week. The deadline for nominations is Tues 3rd Oct at 10:00. Thank you for those parents that have already shown interest in the role. This post is both vital to the school and its smooth running and it is fulfilling for those that wish to take on the role.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The school is fortunate enough to have parent volunteers that help with a range of tasks within school. If you are keen to help on a regular basis, please let the Office Staff know.

PARENT REPS

Thank you to those parents that have agreed to be a Parent Rep for their child's class. Lissa Holmes and I are the process of trying to arrange a date that is suitable for the majority of Reps.

FOSG AGM

The AGM is on Wednesday 18th October after drop off. I hope that many of you are able to attend and I look forward to meeting you then.

Family Support Worker Workshops

Lisa MacGovern was pleased to meet some of the new parents at the Coffee Morning at the start of term. She will be at the first Parents Evening (**Tues 10th October**) if any of you would like to speak with her. She has worked with the school and families at Swing Gate on a wide range of topics.

She will be leading some workshops at Swing Gate over the next few terms.

- **20.10.17** 14:00 to 15:00 Developing a Confident Child
- **09.02.18** 14:00 to 15:00 Routines and Boundaries
- **07.06.18** 08:30 to 10:00 Internet Safety for Parents of Teens and Children

Flyers and registration information to follow.

Castles Workshops

The Year 2 children had a fantastic start to their Castles topic.



Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)

Headteacher

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