

# Swing Gate News

7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017



## Diary Dates

### DECEMBER 2017

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 09:30  
Dress rehearsal for  
Nursery and Reception

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 09:15  
Nur & Rec presentation

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 14:00  
Dress rehearsal for Y2

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 09:15  
Nur & Rec presentation

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 14:00  
Dress rehearsal for Y1

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Christmas Lunch

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 09:15  
Y2 presentation

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 14:00  
Y1 presentation

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 09:15  
Y1 presentation

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 14:00  
Y2 presentation

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec  
FoSG Christmas shop

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 14:00  
Carol service at St  
Peters Church

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec  
FoSG Christmas shop  
Father Christmas visit

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 13:30  
End of Term

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan INSET DAY

Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 Pupils  
return to school

## STAFFING

As you may be aware, Mrs Dean is leaving the school at the end of term and we have made a few changes to the staffing. In January Miss Long, currently teaching part-time in Owls, will be teaching in Hedgehogs all week and be supported by Mrs Twitchen. Mrs Oakley will be teaching in Owls class, in Miss Long's place, along with Mrs Glass and Mr Coverdale. We wish Mrs Dean every success in her new post.

You may have noticed that Mr Buss, our Site Manager, has been absent in the mornings. I regret to say that he is having an operation and we wish him a speedy recovery.

## CAROL SERVICE

Our carol service is being held at 2pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at St Peters Church. We hope that you will be able to join our voices in song. As usual we will need your assistance to walk the children to and from the church. If you are able to help, please can you let the class teacher know.



## Stamps

Could you please bring any used stamps in to school and they will be used to raise funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

## ATTENDANCE

The third Attend and Achieve assembly was held this week. The proud winners of the cup were **Hedgehogs Class** with an attendance of **96.3%**. Well done!

Foxes	96.2%
Badgers	95.1%
Rabbits	93.9%
Squirrels	93.0%
Owls	92.7%
Voles	92.6%



## Christmas Performances

Rehearsals are well underway and we look forward to seeing you. The collection at each performance will raise funds for The Hospice of St Francis.

### Dress rehearsals

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 09:30 – Nur & Rec  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> at 14:00 – Y2  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> at 14:00 – Y1

Thomas Coram siblings are invited to attend a dress rehearsal in which their siblings are performing – with their parent.

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Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 09:15 – Y2  
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Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 09:15 – Y1  
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Once again the amazing hampers are being raffled at each performance to raise funds for the Friends of Swing Gate. Good luck!

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## PAUSE for THOUGHT

*"No one has ever become poor by giving."*

Anne Frank

## A time to give

Thank you for your kind donations for BBC Children in Need, you raised an incredible £168.21. We are also having a Seasonal Jumper day on Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec for Save the Children.

Any donations after the carol service will be given to St Peter's Church.

## Since the last update...

### Pantomime

The whole school saw Goldilocks and the Threes Bears last week, they really enjoyed the performance....

.... Oh yes they did!



Nursery Class went on a train journey to Leighton Buzzard and back. Wow, that was fun!



## Reception

The theme this term is People who Help Us. Squirrels had a visit from a paramedic and Owls had a visit from a police officer.



## Year 1

Inspired by our visit the Toy Museum and the Victorian toys the children saw, they have created their own moving sailing boats, which you may have noticed in the windows.



Perform came in for a Under the Sea workshop for all the children and they were given a chance to sing, dance and act.

Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)  
Headteacher

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