

Swing Gate News

19th Dec 2017



Diary Dates

JANUARY 2018

Wed 3rd Jan INSET DAY

Thu 4th Jan Pupils return to school

Mon 8th Jan
EYFS PE coaching day

Tues 9th Jan 09:30
Tour of school for prospective parents

Thu 11th Jan
KS1 PE coaching day

Mon 15th Jan
Deadline for Reception & Junior applications

Tue 16th Jan - Reception
Class screening by school nurse

Thu 18th Jan – Reception
Class screening by school nurse

Fri 19th Jan
FoSG KS1 disco

Mon 29th Jan
FoSG coin weigh in

Tue 30th Jan
KS1 PE coaching day

Wed 31st Jan
EYFS PE coaching day

FEBRUARY 2018

Fri 2nd Feb
FoSG Tea & cakes

SNOW

I would like to say a big thank you for all your support and understanding during the poor weather. I am especially grateful to those parents and staff who came in on the snow day to clear the snow and grit the area so that we could open on Tuesday.



In order that I can keep you informed in case of future emergency school closures I would like to remind you to register with the Hertfordshire School Closure System. This system allows you to be updated about the school/s of your choice.

ACADAMISATION

The application for five schools in Berkhamsted to become part of a multi-academy trust, the Berkhamsted Education Trust, is continuing to work its way through the Department for Education. We are told to expect a decision soon with conversion (if the proposal is approved) sometime in the Spring. We will, of course, keep parents informed when we have any firm news to share.

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.

Admissions

Just a gentle reminder that the deadline for applying for a Reception Class or Year 3 place for Sept 2018 is Monday 15th January.

Applications for Nursery Class places opens on Monday 5th February. The application process is carried out by the school and systems are still being finalised.

Ashlyns School is currently having a consultation about proposed changes to the admissions process for 2019-2020 that will close on 5th Jan 2018. Please see their website for further details.

News from Thomas Coram and Victoria

Early in January, the Governing Bodies of Thomas Coram and Victoria will be formally consulting with parents, staff and the local community on a proposal to form a federation. This is not a merger or amalgamation but only an arrangement where the two separate schools work together under one, single Governing Body. The consultation document will be on both school's websites and there will be information sessions.

As parents of Swing Gate children you are encouraged to share your views during the first half of next term.

The three schools continue to work closely together and actively plan joint events for the families and children.

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PAUSE for THOUGHT

"Winter is a season of recovery and preparation."

Paul Theroux

Parties and Christmas Performances

I was so proud of how the children performed as they said their lines and demonstrated their vocal skills as they sang the songs. The children were rewarded with an end of term party.

Nursery and Reception



Year 1 - Baubles



Year 2 – Hosannah Rock



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy, healthy and safe Christmas Break. See you in the New Year!

*Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)
Headteacher*

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