



## DIARY DATES

### April 2021

#### April 12<sup>th</sup>

Talk4Writing INSET  
Day – school closed to children

#### April 13<sup>th</sup>

First day of term

#### April 14<sup>th</sup>

\*Additional Nursery  
COVID safe outdoor  
tour – prospective  
families for Nursery  
2021/22

#### April 15<sup>th</sup>

Nursery online  
applications close

Mr Miller EYFS PE  
session

#### April 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Balanceability sessions  
- EYFS

#### April 20<sup>th</sup>

School/Eco Council  
meeting

#### April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Indian dancing  
workshop

#### April 29<sup>th</sup>

Mr Miller KS1 PE  
session

#### April 30<sup>th</sup>

Parents Forum - virtual

### May 2021

#### May 6<sup>th</sup>

Polling Day – school  
closed to children

#### May 7<sup>th</sup>

NSPCC Numbers Day

Perform drama workshop  
(whole school)

## 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Today has marked the end of a term like no other. From remote learning at home to the children having to readjust to school



learning for three short weeks, it has certainly been a rollercoaster! Everyone deserves a well-earned break over Easter and we hope you all have a lovely time.

## Coronavirus updates

We would like to remind you that during the Easter break families need to inform school of any positive COVID results, within your household, schools have been requested to carry out this duty as part of Test and Trace. Please email the [office](#), the inbox will be checked daily.

If your family has been using the test and trace kits for **adults with school age children** you should continue to do so throughout the Easter break. Updated guidance was issued this week regarding primary school pupils and rapid asymptomatic testing. On advice from Public Health England (PHE), pupils in primary schools and children in nursery settings **are not included** in the rapid asymptomatic testing programme. PHE has advised that there are currently limited public health benefits to testing primary-aged pupils with lateral flow devices (LFD). They are advising that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for the child.

If you need to self-isolate due to COVID you may be able to claim financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. You can find out about how to claim [here](#).

## Remote Learning

From the start of the summer term, if your child is absent but well we will send remote learning via Google Classroom for KS1 or the website for EYFS. However, if they are unwell there is no expectation for them to complete work.

## Goodbye to Miss Bruce

Owls class sang their goodbye to Miss Bruce. We all wish her well



and good luck for her future. Mrs Halsey is looking forward to teaching Owls next term and seeing you all after the Easter break.

## CoolSkillz PE Session

We were delighted to welcome back Mr Miller this week who ran COVID-safe PE sessions in class Bubbles for KS1. Here are Rabbits having a great time.



## Cool Milk

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 you will need to register, and pay, where they are no longer eligible, with Cool Milk for the summer term. Visit their [website](#) for further information.



## Pause for thought

*"The body heals with play,  
The mind heals with laughter,  
And the spirit heals with joy."*

**Anonymous**

## End of term celebrations

It has been a lovely end to the spring term, today with birthday celebrations for all of the January, February and March birthdays. The perfect end to the spring term and Easter festivities.

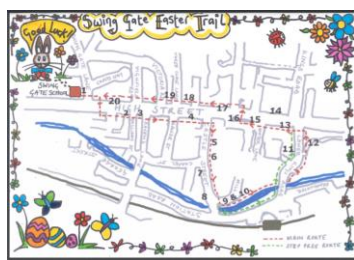


The FoSG Easter Hunt was an added treat for the children here are Foxes and Voles enjoying their turns.

## FoSG update

### FOSG Easter Trail

If you are looking for an activity to do over the Easter holidays, why not have a go at the Swing Gate Easter Trail? Start at school and follow the map and clues on a walk around Berkhamsted. There is plenty of things to spot along the way.



We have also sent Easter colouring sheet and a word search. The trail was sent via School Gateway, but if you need another copy, please email [friendsofswinggate@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofswinggate@gmail.com). We hope you have fun completing the trail and activity sheet, but if you would like to, please make a suggested donation of £4, or whatever you can, [here](#). We are very grateful for your support and for all donations received.

A big thank you to Natalie and Lucy for writing and designing the trail.

## Nursery Admissions 2021-22

We have added an extra tour date for prospective families on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April. I hope that this will give families the opportunity to visit the school even if they have already applied for a place for Nursery this September. As restrictions should have changed by then, we plan to make this an outdoor tour of the school grounds led by Mrs Gallagher. If you would like to join the tour or know anyone that may want to attend please email the [office](#) or call us on 01442 863913.

## Breakfast Club

We currently have very few bookings for the first week back. If you require a place, please book as soon as possible for us to arrange staffing.

## Wellbeing in Action

### Healthy Easter Nest Bagels

Ingredients: (makes 4 bagel nests)

- 2 bagels
- 4 tbsp cream cheese or hummus
- 1 large carrot
- ¼ cucumber



Method:

1. First, split each of the bagels in half. Pop the bagel halves into the toaster and toast until golden brown.
2. Spread your choice of hummus or cream cheese over the cut side of each bagel half.
3. Using a julienne peeler, cut the carrot into thin straw-like strips. If you don't have a julienne peeler, you can also use a sharp knife to cut the carrot into really thin strips or you could even grate the carrot instead.
4. Arrange the carrot strips on top of each bagel half to form nest shapes. Depending on the size of your carrot, you may need to cut some of the strips in half to make this easier.





5. Cut egg shapes from the cucumber slices and place three of the cucumber eggs into the centre of each bagel nest.

## **Mindfulness**

We thought it would be fun to have some Easter inspired creative mindfulness with colouring sheets, complete with accessories to design too. The sheets are attached to the email.

## **And finally...**

This is both a time to reflect and to look forward...

With your support, I believe that last term has been very positive, with a true partnership between home and school. So much has been achieved in such unprecedented circumstances. So THANK YOU! However, the highlight of last term was having the whole school back on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Next term, with the children invigorated from an Easter break, will give us time to focus on the children's wellbeing and to support them with their continuing learning journey.

I would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and the staff, to wish you all a very...



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Headteacher*