



DIARY DATES

July 2022

Tues 5th

Beach Day – Y1

Reserve Beach Day – Y1

Intersports Day with Victoria and TC – Y2

Thurs 7th

Transition Day (Y2 to go straight to Thomas Coram)

Fri 8th

Rabbits Class Assembly

Mon 11th

Ashlyns Language Leaders Workshop – Y2

10:30 Year 2 Piano Student Assembly (parent/carer by invitation only)

Ashlyns Science Workshop

Tues 12th

Y2 to Thomas Coram's summer production

Wed 13th

Reception trip to the zoo

Thurs 14th

Athletics Workshop

Fri 15th

Y2 trip to the zoo

Mon 18th

Foxes Class Assembly

Tuesday 19th

Badgers Class Assembly

Wed 20th

Last day of term – early finish at 13:30

1st July 2022

It has been an active couple of weeks with Sports Week and then our fantastic Sports Day. Here is a roundup of some of the active fun the children have enjoyed.

Don Rae Performance

It was lovely to be able to invite families in to see the children's learning on Tuesday when Don Rae



put on a performance to celebrate the platinum jubilee; with the 'Dance though the Ages' workshops.



From our very own Fab Four, Abba and Beyoncé it was lovely to witness the children's enjoyment. I think we can all agree they did amazingly well to learn so much in just one day.

Sports Day

It was a pleasure to be able to host Sports Day on Tuesday. Starting with the fabulous Voles at Swing Gate, we then ventured up the road with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to take part in their activities. It was lovely that so many families were able to join us.

Medieval Art Day

On Wednesday, Jo Kidd from Berkhamsted Art Shop led a workshop for the medieval art

exhibition taking place this year. Here is our original design created by the children pre-pandemic and Foxes working on this design for the Swing Gate banner.



Events next week

Next Tuesday, Year 1 are off to the 'Swing Gate seaside'. Children will be experiencing a virtual trip to the seaside, with lots of fun activities planned by the Year 1 team.

Meanwhile, Year 2 will be heading up the hill, on Wednesday for their Intersports Day with Victoria and Thomas Coram schools.

On Thursday, it is the town wide Transition Day with all children spending time in their new classrooms (or new school for Year 2).

Reminder

Children should not wear nail varnish or temporary tattoos to school. Please ensure that they are removed before they come to school at the start of each week. Additionally, hairbands should be uniform compliant. The larger JoJo style bows and alicebands are unsuitable and make it difficult for them to wear sunhats.



Pause for thought

"If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

Roald Dahl, children's author

Class Trips

A letter has been sent to Reception and Year 2 families about the class trips on the 13th and 15th July respectively. We apologise for the delay due to the high cost of coaches, we have had to 'shop around' to keep the cost as low as possible. Also, as you may be aware, one of our office staff has been absent due to COVID.

COVID Update

Unfortunately, we have had additional recorded cases of COVID in school. There have also been a number of children sent home with raised temperatures (anything over 37 degrees). Please remain vigilant about checking for symptoms. You can either lateral flow test and return to school with a negative test result or keep your child at home for the isolation period (for under 18's it is three days from day zero when your symptoms appear or from a positive test). We are all rather exhausted by the relentlessness of the pandemic but in a bid to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible we would appreciate your continued support.

Friends of Swing Gate School

FoSG is organising a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale for the last day of term, 20th July. There is a box in Reception to donate any items that you no longer need and are happy to pass on.

We're accepting clothes, only in good condition, book bags, PE bags and plimsols. All proceeds will go to FoSG. The closing date for bringing in pre-loved uniform is Friday 15th July.

Obviously, the children will be wearing their uniform until the end of term, so we are organising a drop off point during the school holidays for further donations.

We will also be selling ice creams, teas, coffees and cakes on the last day of term. Enthusiastic bakers, please donate items, we will update you nearer to the time.

Date for your diary:

The FoSG AGM will be held on Wednesday 14th September at 09:00. Please visit us and find out more about our exciting plans for the next school year...

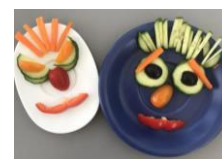
Wellbeing in Action

Healthy Eating

Monster Side Salad

Ingredients

- 1 small carrot
- 1 baby plum tomato
- 6 slices cucumber
- 1 black olive
- ¼ red pepper in strips



Method

Simply cut up the salad vegetables and make into mean monster faces!

Mindfulness

Bubble balloon game

Blow up some balloons and play the don't-touch-the-floor game, you need to focus on gentle movements. Pretend that the balloons are bubbles that might pop, so you can only tap them delicately.

Free charity shop collection service

Anglo Doorstep Collections are collecting in all HP postcodes on Monday 4th July 2022. The service is offered on behalf of the charity, Wendy's Wish. To book your slot visit [their website](#).



And finally...

The sense of community was great at the recent Sports Day and family picnic. Thank you to all that made the day so special:

- Thomas Coram School, for the use of their playing fields
- Ashlyns School, for their wonderful Sports Leaders
- the Staff, for their fantastic teaching of PE skills and in particular Mrs Newman, for organising this event
- the Voles team, for organising their separate event
- parents, carers, Grannies and Grandad's, for supporting the children
- and of course the children themselves, for their sportsmanship, enthusiasm, fantastic skills, and graceful acceptance of triumph or defeat.

It is events such as these that make me so proud to be the Headteacher at Swing Gate School.

Have a good weekend and stay safe!

Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)
Headteacher

