

4 October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

This term is certainly flying by and the curriculum already has been exciting for your children. Music lessons are in full swing and Year 3 are enjoying their Royal Ballet lessons. Year 6 have also been busy on their trip to STEAM to experience what life was like on the Homefront in WW2.

Year 6 Residential Trip

Our Year 6 class have just returned from a fantastic activity week away in the Brecon Beacons at Pencelli Outdoor Education Centre. They were extremely lucky with the weather and made the most out of it where they enjoyed caving, climbing and canoeing 3 miles down the canal. A big thank you to Mrs Green, Mrs Richards and Mrs Daly who all said they were a pleasure to take away.



Skills Force Presentation

“Let’s be ambitious and give every child in the country the opportunity to fulfil their potential.”

On Tuesday 18th September, four of our year 5 children attended the Skills Force Presentation in Birmingham where they represented their class to collect the Prince William Award. Throughout the year, the programme helped them to develop their resilience, team work skills and independence. They had an opportunity to hear the Duke of Cambridge and have a photo taken with David Walliams.

Local Board of Governors

On Monday 15th October at 8:45am we have our first LGB meeting for the year. If you think you would like to get involved as a parent governor, then please come and see Mrs Morgan in the school office. It is a really good opportunity to have a voice in the school.

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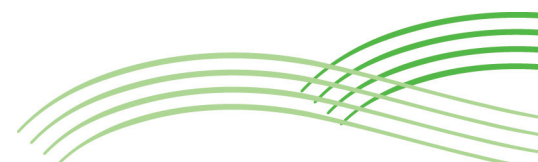
Please can we remind any parents who haven’t yet signed up to Schoop, to do so – you could be missing out on lots of important communication. Please see the office if you are having trouble setting Schoop up.

Calling for Helpers

If you have a spare half an hour and would be able to come into school to help with hearing children read and to support their learning, we would be extremely grateful. This can be at any time during the school day. Please see your class teacher or the school office if you are able to help.



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Since my last newsletter, the National Data for Year 2 and 6 SATs, Year 1 Phonics and Good level of development (GLD) for Reception has been published so I am now in a position to be able to share with you our results from last year. I am extremely proud of these results and I would like to thank all my staff and children for their continued hard work.

The percentages are based on children who reached age related expectations or above.

Year 6	School	Swindon	National
Reading	92%	77%	75%
Writing	88%	78%	78%
GPS	88%	78%	77%
Maths	92%	77%	77%
Science	88%	80%	%
RWM	88%	63%	64%

Year 2	School	Swindon	National
Reading	79%	77%	76%
Writing	72%	73%	70%
Maths	72%	78%	76%
Science	79%	Non known yet	83%

Year 1	School	Swindon	National
Phonics	90%	82%	83%

Reception	School	Swindon	National
GLD	83%	72%	71%

Thank you to all the parents that have come along so far this academic year for either open morning or attended the parents' curriculum/information sessions. The learning journey for your child/ren is only as successful as the partnership between home and school. Parents' evenings are occurring on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October. If you have siblings in the school please try and leave at least ten minutes between your appointments to allow the teachers to try and keep to time.

Please remember that my door is always open. I look forward to seeing you at Parents evening.

Kind regards
 Mrs Tudor

Key Dates for your diaries:

Date	Event
Thursday 11 th October	The Railway Children
Wednesday 17 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 18 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 18 th October	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 19 th October	End of term 1
Monday 5 th November	Start of term 2



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