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# SWJS Newsletter

September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to our Y3 children and their families and to our new children throughout the school- I hope you have all settled in well at SWJS!

There will be a special parents meeting in October so that the Y3 parents can meet with the Y3 Teachers again - we do hope that you come along and see how your child has settled in at SWJS! Thank you to the parents who attended the Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Welcome meetings - we feel these meetings are an ideal time to meet your child's new teachers and to learn about the standards of work expected in their new year group. We will be holding more formal parents evenings in November for the whole school, these meetings will explain how your child is progressing. We do hope you will support us with these meetings as we have a strong, positive partnership with our parents which we believe is paramount to our children's learning.

## OFSTED report

We are delighted to have received our OFSTED report this week and are thrilled with the comments written by the Lead Inspector, about our school! A separate letter has been sent home with some of the comments made by the inspector, a copy of the full version of the OFSTED letter will be sent to you as well as a copy posted on our school website. Many Thanks for all your support - it really does make a difference!

**31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Halloween Party at  
After-School Club! Limited  
places, so please book early!**

## Attendance/Term Time Holidays

As you know good attendance is very important in school. There is a strong correlation between attendance and making good progress in school, this was evident in the end of year assessments - nearly one quarter of our school children had an end of year attendance lower than 95%, which is considered poor. Term Time holidays have become a concern for the school: our Attendance Policy states that term time holidays will be considered by our Governing Body and now states that any term time holidays over 10 days will be referred to the Local Authority. Good Attendance is positively promoted within school: not only is it important for learning but helps to foster good working ethics for the future. Please ensure that you encourage good attendance with your child/ren. If your child cannot attend school, it is extremely important that you contact the school office by 9.30am. The preferred method is via the Parentmail App.

## Open Afternoon

We are hosting our annual Open Afternoon on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30pm-4.30pm. You are welcome to come for the whole afternoon or just pop in. The aim of the afternoon is to come and see what life is like at SWJS and walk around/sit in classes as the children are being taught. There will be a programme of events on arrival and guided tours by our Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputies and Prefects.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding our annual Coffee Morning in school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10am-11.30am in aid of MacMillan Cancer. Please could you bake cakes for our stall/bring in cakes so that we can sell these on the day. All family and friends are welcome and you can retrieve your child from class if you would like them to join you. Entertainment will be provided!

## Dates for the Diary:

### September

- 14<sup>th</sup> Pobble training & Pobble writing workshop  
15<sup>th</sup> Swimming starts for Y6  
Family Learning starts 1-3pm (Maths)  
26<sup>th</sup> European Day Of Languages  
27<sup>th</sup> BAE in school  
29<sup>th</sup> McMillan Coffee Morning, 10-11.30am

### October

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cyclewise training starts in Y5  
Barrow Archives in Y6  
4<sup>th</sup> NSPCC Assembly & workshops  
10<sup>th</sup> Barrow Archives in Y6  
11<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon  
19<sup>th</sup> Lindy Hop dancing for Y6  
October Half Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

### October

- 30<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Hockey competition  
31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Party at After School Club-  
school house

### November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Swimming starts for Y4  
6<sup>th</sup> Electricity Day in Y6B  
7<sup>th</sup> Electricity Day in Y6McK  
Nasal Sprays for flu in Y3/4  
School Photographs - afternoon  
10<sup>th</sup> Poetry Assembly/ prize giving  
13<sup>th</sup> ASSESSMENT WEEK in School  
16<sup>th</sup> Y4 trip to the 'Beacon', Whitehaven  
20<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening Week  
Y5/6 Athletics competition  
24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre  
30<sup>th</sup> Whole School to 'Nativity!' Manchester

### December

- 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Performance  
15<sup>th</sup> Break up for Christmas Holidays  
Christmas Holidays: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December to  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
(Back to School: Thur 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018)

### School website

Our school website is continually updated and can be used for information, homework, reporting pupil absences and extra-curricular clubs. Why not take a look and let us know if you would like to see anything else added to our site. [www.swalneyj.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.swalneyj.cumbria.sch.uk)

### Relief Midday Supervisors

If you are interested in becoming a Relief Midday Supervisor, covering the ad hoc absences of our staff, please provide your contact details to Mrs Williams in the Office.

### Uniforms

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms - thank you. Could you please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled and that the purple polo shirts/jumpers have the school logo on. If you have bought a shirt without a school logo, we do have sew-on logo badges which are of a high quality to buy from our school office.

### Early Birds/ Late Flight-Breakfast & After school Club

We are pleased to announce that our before & after school clubs are up and running in our school house. Breakfast club opens 7.30-9am and the after school club opens at 3.10-6pm. If you require any further information, please contact the school office.

### School Dinners - Dolce

Our school dinner providers, Dolce, are concerned about the amount of food waste due to school dinners which have been ordered but not collected, for one reason or another. As from January, Dolce will charge for all school dinners ordered and not cancelled by 9.30am on the day.

### Swimming

Y4 & Y6 will be swimming this term at Barrow Leisure Centre. All outstanding payments of £21 should be paid via Parentmail (or cash to the school office) by the extended deadline of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

### NSPCC

The Charity NSPCC are coming into school to talk about keeping themselves safe on Wed 4<sup>th</sup> October. To mark this, please could children wear something green and bring donations of £1 towards the NSPCC charity -many thanks!

### Photographer in school - 7<sup>th</sup> November

Please let Mrs Williams know if you would like to bring siblings for a family photo.

### Parking

As always, the safety of your children is important to us. Please can you work with us by not parking on the Zig Zag lines at the front/ back of school? Also please do not drop off your children on the double yellow lines or in the back street at the back of the school as this can cause congestion and it may be difficult to see a child crossing - Thank you!

### Boxes of Hope

We continue to support the Boxes of Hope charity. Leaflets and a letter will be sent home with the children with more information - collections due in November.