



Swanton Morley VC Primary School

Newsletter

Summer 2 2017

Dear Parents

I would like to start this newsletter by saying thank you for all the many kind words and messages from parents following the announcement of my departure. I am so proud to have been headteacher of this school for the past eight years, and of all that the children and staff have achieved in that time. The school continues to improve in all areas and we want to maintain our position as one of the best performing school not just in the county but nationally. However, I have been talking to the children this year about developing a “growth mind-set” approach to life and taking on new challenges, and the time has come for me to follow my own advice.

The last three weeks will give me little time to sit back and reflect – there is so much going on! Hopefully this newsletter will provide you with plenty of dates and information for the end of term.

Classes and Teachers next year

There are a couple of other staff changes for September, and this has enabled us some teachers to move into fresh year groups. Miss Gagen is leaving at the end of this term, and Mrs Kenyon is taking a one year sabbatical, so the new organisation will look like this:

Reception:	Mrs Barnes
Year 1:	Miss Watts
Year 2:	Mrs O'Dell and Mrs Wright
Year 3:	Mrs Mulholland
Year 4:	Miss Vincent
Year 5:	Mrs Madeley and Mrs Hurn
Year 6:	Mr Vokes

Our new Reception teacher is Mrs Hayley Barnes. Mrs Barnes is an experienced and successful teacher who is currently working for the local authority as an early years advisor; she will bring great skills and knowledge to the school team. We are sorry to lose Miss Gagen from the school but wish her every success in her career.

As you are aware, the end of this term will also see the departure of Mrs Alderton from the school office. Stepping into her shoes from September will be Mrs Suzanne Day – many of you will already have seen her here as she is spending time alongside Mrs Alderton at the moment so that she can hit the ground running in the Autumn Term.

The Governors are very busy at the moment with the recruitment process for the new Headteacher. I am sure that they will be updating parents as soon as they can.

The Centenary Fair

The Centenary Fair takes place on **Saturday 8th July from 1-4pm**. You will already have received a letter about the activity days on the 6th and 7th July – these are days where the normal timetable and curriculum will be dropped and the children (in costume) will get to try a wide range of and experiences that will show them what life and school was like 100 years ago. On Saturday at the fair, the children will be helping to run stalls and games and many will be taking part in displays of Maypole Dancing or performing songs they have been learning. It would be great if the children can also be in costume for the fair. A flyer is accompanying this letter with further details about the event.

Sports days

The Sports Days this year will be spilt over two mornings.

- The Junior event will be on Tuesday 11th July from 10am-12pm
- The Infant event will be on Wednesday 12th July from 10am-12pm
- The children will be competing in their school teams so will need their team t-shirt on the right day
- There will not be family picnics after the events this year

Swimming Galas

- The Infant Swimming Galas will be on Tuesday 11th July
- The Junior Swimming Galas will be on Wednesday 12th July

Please make sure that children bring their swimming kit on the correct days.

Clockwork Sports

Clockwork sports takes place on the morning of Thursday 13th July. It is an extra sports event where all the children mix up into teams and work together on a range of challenges. It is not a spectator event, but if parents are interested in volunteering to run one of the challenges, please contact the school office.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

With the new transition arrangements for Dereham high schools this year, the Year 6 children will be leaving Swanton Morley a week before the end of term.

Therefore their Leavers Assembly will be on Friday 14th July, starting at 2pm. Parents and Grandparents of the Year 6's are very welcome to join us for the usual mixture of laughter and tears.

School Disco

The end of term school disco night is Friday 14th July. The Infants disco will run from 6pm to 7.15pm, the Junior disco is from 7.30pm to 9pm. Tickets will be on sale on the playground from Monday 10th July.

Parent Governor

There will be an opportunity for any interested parents to apply to become a school governor in September. If you are interested in finding out more about the role please contact the school office.

Sports Success!

We can officially say that Swanton Morley has the eighth best junior netball team in the county!! Having qualified from the regional competition, our team went on to the county finals and, against really strong competition from many much larger schools, they did fantastically to achieve such a high finish. Well done to all the squad and many thanks to Miss Vincent and Mrs Sudlow for putting in so many hours to train the team.

Trips Galore

The children have been travelling far and wide for some great educational and adventurous trips this term; Reception have been down on the farm at Gressenhall, Year 3 have learnt about rainforests at Colchester Zoo, Year 5 have studied marine life on the shoreline at Sheringham Beach and the Year 6's are enjoying the glorious weather(!) whilst camping at Hautbois. In the next few weeks there will be trips to Easton Collage for Year 1, Bewilderwood for Year 2 and Pensthorpe for Year 4 – busy times!

Diary Dates

Sat 8th July Centenary Fair 1pm-4pm

Tues 11th July KS2 Sports Day 10am-12pm

Weds 12th July KS1 Sports Day 10am -12pm

Thurs 13th July Clockwork Sports for all children

Fri 14th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly 2pm

Fri 14th July School Disco's

Fri 21st July School closes for the Summer Break

Weds 6th September -School re-opens for the start of the Autumn term