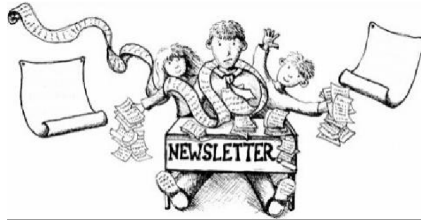




Swanton Morley VC Primary School



September 2018

Welcome Back Newsletter!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday.

It was fantastic to see so many smiling, happy faces as the children came in to school this morning. They all do really seem raring to go!

Wrap-Around Care

The wrap-around service is now available so **please contact the school if you'd like to use it.**

Sessions will be from 7.45 to 8.45 in the mornings and from 3.15 to 4.15 or 5.15 in the afternoons and charged at £4 an hour.

If you have any questions or queries about this please just ask.

Daily Mile

The new Daily Mile initiative will start on Monday 10th September and is being organised by Mrs Sadler. This is a fun physical activity that we hope as many children (and adults!) as possible are able to take part in.

Permission slips were sent out before the summer holiday. Please make sure these are returned to school by the end of this week so we know who is taking part. Children will also need to bring their wristband with them each day which will help us record their participation. If you need any copies of these forms please let us know.

For those who wish to take part, the gate will be open a few minutes before 8.30 to allow time for stretching and to change in to trainers. At 8.30 the whistle will sound to signal the start. We will be working towards children being able to run or jog for as much of the 15 minutes as possible, with only short spells of walking if needed. The most important thing to remember though is that the focus is on self-improvement and improved fitness.

Staff have volunteered to help run these sessions and Mrs Sadler has set up a rota so different members of staff will be taking part each day. At 8.45 those children who are taking part will head to their classrooms.

Attendance

Attendance is so, so important to education - I cannot over-emphasise how vital being at school every day is.



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I really liked the system Mr Vokes set up for attendance last year so it will continue during this academic year.

So, at the end of the year, any pupils with attendance of 99% to 99.4% will receive a bronze star. Any pupil with attendance of 99.5% to 99.9% will receive a silver star and any pupils with 100% attendance for the whole year will receive a gold star.

There will also be weekly awards for the classes in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 with the highest levels of attendance.

Afternoon Collections

At the end of each school day, all classes (including Reception!) will line up on the white dots that are along the yellow line towards the far end of the playground (near to the canopy).

All parents are politely asked to remain **behind the yellow line** that faces this and then your children will be sent over to you. Don't worry if this sounds confusing, I will make sure I'm out on the playground to show you where the lines are during the first few days back.

As a whole staff, we planned this out during the two training days earlier this week and we feel that this will make home times more calm and orderly and as safe as possible. **We need to keep the canopy area free as this is where children going to wrap-around care will be collected.**

Morning drop offs will remain the same, please say goodbye to your child at the gate and they will make their own way to their classrooms to start learning.

Home School Agreement

Home school agreements, which were reviewed by parent council last term, will be sent out for you to **sign** soon. Once signed, please return them to us as soon as possible.

Reminder of the Swimming Timetable

The swimming timetable for the year was sent out to you before the summer holidays. This half term, **Y4** will be swimming on Mondays and **Y5** and **6** will be swimming on Wednesdays. Information about payment will be shared with you shortly.

Parents Evenings and Reports

Interim reports will be sent out to you on Friday 9th November and **parents evenings will be on the 13th and the 22nd of November**. Timings etc... will be shared nearer the time.

And a date for your diary...

Key Stage 1 children will be doing a **harvest festival performance on Thursday 11th October**, more information about this will follow nearer the time.

Best wishes,

Mr Snowdon