



Swanton Morley VC Primary School

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



**April 2019**

## **Spring 2 Newsletter**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

*I hope you find our half termly newsletter interesting and informative. Please do let us know if you have any questions, queries or comments.*

### **Sports Update**

We were very proud to have four of our KS2 children representing the school at the county cross-country finals last month.



All four of the children gave their absolute all during their races and Mrs Sadler, as well as the parents who were able to attend the event, spoke in glowing terms about the level of effort and commitment shown.

A huge well done to them all!

Mrs Hogan also recently took a team of Year 1 children to a cross country event and they had a great time! It was a pleasure to award them their certificates in celebration assembly last week.

**The Daily Mile** – don't forget, the gate is opened at 8.30 every Thursday and Friday so you can join in with the daily mile. Numbers seem to have dropped slightly for this recently - it'll be great to see as many parents taking part in this as possible next term.

### **The Brain Tumour Charity**

A year 6 parent, Mrs Dennis, is raising money for The Brain Tumour Charity by taking part in the marathon walk in London in September. As a school, we will be supporting her and



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the charity by holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** and asking all pupils to bring £1 in to school.

Mrs Dennis has given me this information to share with you all –

*I am taking part in the marathon walk in London on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September for The Brain Tumour Charity.*

*As a nurse for 14 years at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, I regularly witness people suffering from this disease and see how it affects people and their families. Brain tumours move very fast and 31 people are diagnosed with brain tumours every day in the UK.*

*The Brain Tumour Charity knows that everyone affected by a brain tumour is very different and each of their journeys are unique, they are committed to doubling survival and halving the harm brain tumours have on quality of life.*

*This charity is very close to my heart, especially after witnessing my friend and her daughter lose their husband/father so very soon after his diagnosis – what they have had to go through is devastating.*

*I want to help make a difference and improve the quality of life for patients and their families by raising funds and awareness for this amazing charity.*

*Many thanks for supporting this.*

*Kind regards,*

*Lisa Dennis*

Your support with regards to this is much appreciated, thank you.

## **Healthy Lifestyles**



As part of increased focus on healthy lifestyles in school, next term we will be reviewing the snacks Key Stage 2 bring in to school for break time. This will be an area of discussion for staff, parents, governors and the school council, ahead of proposed changes being in place to start from September. This will be communicated with you in due course.



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## **Swimming**

Just a reminder that next half term **Year 3 will be swimming on Mondays and Y1 and 2 will be swimming on Wednesdays.**

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be swimming again after the May half term, and plans for when Reception class will swim will be shared with their parents soon.

## **What's happening in each class next half term?**

### **Reception**

Next half term we will look at floating, sinking and forces. We will be thinking about people who help us and local heroes! In maths we will be solving problems by multiplying, sharing, doubling and halving. We will be investigating new materials and creating with these in 3D.

### **Y1**

The summer term is nearly upon us! Year One have been very busy as usual and working hard. With the weather improving, the children will be able to do more learning outdoors. We will kick start the new term with a science focus on plants. The children will have the opportunity to grow their own plants from seed and observe the changes. In maths we will continue our learning on multiplication and division with lots of practical work to help embed these skills. We will begin our history focus exploring seaside holidays in the past with a trip being planned for this too!

### **Y2**

This term we will be learning about dragons and using this to inspire our writing and art work. We will continue to work hard in Maths and with our spelling and handwriting. In Science we will be learning about plants and growing. We hope to be able to get outside for PE so please ensure children have outside kit so that they are prepared!

### **Y3**

With everything to play for, Year 3 are proving to be a very strong team although things may get a bit shaky with our topic Extreme Earth. Only this week the children listed what they'd like to find out more about: volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunami etc... Hopefully they'll use the Easter break to build up their energy levels ready for a hugely exciting summer term – have a fantastic holiday!

### **Y4**

Year 3 and 4 had a great time on Monday as Groovy Greeks! Our topic after Easter is Extreme Earth! We will be learning about volcanoes, earthquakes, floods and tsunamis. Our Geography this half term has focused on Europe but next term we will explore different continents to find out the locations of some natural disasters. Year 4 will swim during the



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second half of the summer term. So no need to worry about kits straight after Easter!

Happy Easter! ☺

## **Y5**

First of all I want to say a huge thank you to the children for their fantastic commitment to “Hosanna” and to all the parents for your support with costumes and helping the children to learn their lines.

Next half term we will still have lots to keep us busy! In English, year 5 will be learning to create imagery in poetry, using the classic poem “The Highwayman” by Alfred Noyes. In topic we will be learning to read and create maps with a focus on our local area. Living things and their habitats will be the main focus of Science lessons.

## **Y6**

Next half term Year 6 will be concentrating their efforts on preparation for SATs. This will start with the children taking home some past papers to work through during the Easter break. The expectation is they should do a few questions a day, maybe ten to fifteen minutes, to keep the mind ticking over so they will be mentally ready after the holiday.

SATs take place during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May and we will be spending the preceding three weeks in revision mode, going over everything studied this year (and in years three to five). We will be interspersing maths, reading and GPS revision with work on the remaining genres of writing and preparing their writing portfolios for moderation and assessment. The genres we will be studying are: diaries, instructions, reports, information writing and a 500-word story.

In science, the children will be continuing their work on electricity and circuits. PE lessons will be based around bat and ball games (cricket, softball, rounders and tennis). Victorians, in particular how they have influenced our lives today, will be the history focus. In art/design technology, the children will be looking at structures, architecture and portrait painting.

*Don't forget, class teachers will always be available to speak to after school on the playground! If you need to get a message to them in the morning please let me know on the gate or contact the office.*

## **Key dates for your diary during next half term**

Week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Non-uniform day (see above for full details)

*I look forward to seeing you all again after the Easter break on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**.*

*Kind regards and best wishes to you all,*

*Mr Snowdon*