

Swallowtail News



The Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools



Our Federation's mission is to work together to create successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

With friendship, trust and kindness we fly!

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September 2023 Newsletter

Message from the Executive Head

Dear families

Welcome back to a new year at Swallowtail! It is wonderful to see all the children back with big smiles on their faces, shiny school shoes and clean uniforms. I wonder how long that will last!

2023-24 promises to be an exciting year for the Federation. We have started as we mean to go on with the introduction of our brand new CUSP curriculum and Little Wandle for phonics. Both are rich in resources and aspirational. It is early days but the outcomes we are already seeing from the children are amazing!

It has been wonderful to see many of you at our Little Wandle parent events. We hope you have found them informative. If you were unable to attend, the online meeting on Wednesday evening has been recorded and can be found on our website on the English page.

Looking forward to an amazing year!

Natalie Butcher

Executive Head, Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools

News

- With the colder weather fast approaching we will need to ensure we have lots of space on our school pegs. Can children who are leaving spare clothes at school leave these in a small bag and children bring their book bags and lunchboxes separately and not in a large bag.
- Afterschool clubs will go live on pupil asset for next half term on Monday 9th October at 8.15am. The clubs next half term are:
Tuesday-Art club
Thursday- basketball
Performing Arts club on Mondays has one space remaining as families have booked this for the whole term, if you would like to attend this group please email me in the office. Art club will be restricted again to 8 children on a first come first serve basis.

Message from the senior teacher

Dear families,

House teams - To support the times when we work as house teams, we have decided to operate with 3 house teams this year. Please see your child's house team below.

Ruby - Aria, Layla H, Frankie W, Noa, Saraya, Tilly, Frankie B, Easton, Eli

Diamond - Kenny, Layla B, Rafael, Bryn, Rowan, Isaac, Brodie, Aleigha

Emerald - Fleur, Yasmin, Lily-Grace, Ollie, Jack, Rosie, Max, Lilly

Next Thursday we will be voting for our House Captains and Vice Captains. The position of a House Captain will be filled by a Year 2 child, one per house therefore three positions available. Vice Captains will be filled by Year 1, one per house therefore three positions available. If your child wishes to be a candidate for House Captain or Vice-Captain, please support them in preparing a few words/drawing a picture, explaining why they should be voted into the role. They will be given the opportunity to share this with the school ahead of the votes.

We will also be recruiting 4 Librarians; these can be Year 1 or Year 2 children. Again, if your child wishes to be a candidate, please support them in preparing a few words/drawing a picture, explaining why they should be voted in for this role.

Please understand that not every child will obtain a role, we will however be celebrating all of the children who bravely came forward for a role within our school and thank you in advance for supporting them with this.

You will have read in an earlier email that we will no longer be holding a cake raffle each Friday. Sticking with the cake theme, we will be replacing this with a half termly cake sale. The cake sale will take place on the last Monday of each half term. The first cake sale will be on Monday 16th October at 3pm. We would be exceptionally grateful for your donations of cakes. These can be dropped off into the school office on the Monday morning. We will send a reminder text message to you the weekend before!

Miss Blake
Senior teacher

We have had a great first few weeks back at school!



Diary dates

October- Black history month.

Wednesday 18th October- Hickling Infant School open day 10-12pm and 1-2pm. We have attached a flyer, can you please share with your families and friends.

Friday 20th October- Harvest worship at the church at 2pm. Children to go home from the church afterwards.

Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October- Half term.

Thursday 2nd November- Reception and KS1 children sharing their work at 2.30pm.

Monday 6 and Tuesday 7th November- KS1 parent consultations, times TBC.

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November- Reception parent consultations, times TBC.

Monday 13th-Friday 17th November- Anti-bullying week.

Thursday 16th November- Individual and sibling photos at 9.00am.

Thursday 16th November- Flu immunisations at 1.30pm.

Friday 17th November- Children In Need. More information to follow.

Thursday 30th November- Christmas craft morning 9.00-10.30am. Families welcome to attend.

Thursday 7th December- Christmas Jumper Day.

Tuesday 12th December- Nativity at 10.00am.

Tuesday 12th December- Christmas Movie night 3-4.30pm. Tickets are £3.00 and places can be booked on pupil asset.

Wednesday 13th December- Nativity at 2pm. Children to go home from the church afterwards.

Thursday 14th December- Reception class and KS1 attending Snow White Pantomime show in Sheringham. More details to follow soon.

Wednesday 20th December- Christmas church service at 2pm.

Wednesday 20th December- Christmas dinner at school.

Thursday 21st December- January 3rd- Half term.

Safeguarding Some links for e-safety:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

[https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/
5-a-day/](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/)

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