

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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February 2024 Newsletter

Message from the Executive Head

Dear families

Welcome to our February newsletter and what a soggy February it has been! Thankfully the hours of daylight are starting to extend which we know makes us all feel a bit brighter.

You will see in this newsletter that we have some exciting enrichment opportunities coming up including an Olympic Federation Day, World Book Day dance sessions and the Dance Showdown. We are so thrilled to be able to offer these to our children and know they will add to the many happy memories they have of their school days. More details to follow soon.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Half Term break and look forward to seeing you in the (very short) run up to Easter.

A quick reminder that following the Easter holidays, from the 15th April 2024, our school day will end at 3:20 p.m.

Kind Regards

Natalie Butcher

Executive Head, Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools

SENCO

Mrs Moore our Federation Deputy is also our SENCO. To ensure both roles are given the time and commitment required, designated days are set aside. Days for SENCO are Monday and Tuesday.

Safeguarding

Some links for e-safety:

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

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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@ CatfieldPrimary



Catfield CE VC Primary School

Message from Miss Amis

Dear families,

What a busy half term... I can't quite believe we are ending the first half of Spring term already! We are all definitely looking forward to the drier, sunnier days where we can enjoy our outdoors a lot more.

We have lots of super exciting events coming up!

Premier Sports are running a World Book Day performance event where children are able to take part in a retelling/dance of a well-known story. This will be in addition to our World Book Day celebrations on March 7th where we invite children to come dressed up as a character from a book and invite families in to join us for a reading café.

Mother's day worship will be on Friday 8th March where children will be sharing poems, readings and art dedicated to their Mum/Auntie/Nanny. We welcome you to join us from 8:50am.

We have been offered the opportunity to have Olly Day Road Safety come in to do a show for children on the afternoon of the 8th. This will be engaging, hands on and educational for children, ensuring they are safe around roads.

On Friday 15th March we will be inviting children to wear red for comic relief and ask for donations to the charity.

Thursday 21st March 3:30pm-5pm will be our Wheels Evening. Children really enjoy bringing their bikes, scooters and skates to school and enjoy the time with their friends. Look out for more information and sign up letters after half term.

We will be having a Federation Day on 21st June for children in Reception to Year 6 and this will be held at Sutton. This will be Olympic themed where children will have the opportunity to take part in lots of different sporting events run by Premier Sports. Our Pre-schoolers will join together here at Catfield and will have lots of activities set up for them to enjoy with their new friends from Sutton and Hickling.

Premier Sports will be running their Dance Showdown, which will be open to KS2 children. Children really enjoyed this last year and we were so proud of them in their performance. This year they will be performing at the Pavillion Theatre in Gorleston to a bigger audience, which is a fantastic opportunity. The showdown will be on 4th July. More information will be sent out to you soon.

We also have events such as Sports Day, Residential, Summer Fete and school trips but I won't overwhelm you with that information now, I will let you know in the next newsletter any updates!

I hope you have a wonderful half term break and hopefully the sun shines for us!

Kind regards,
Miss Amis

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Diary dates

February

HALF TERM 19th—23rd February

Mon 26th—KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham

March

Mon 4th— KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham

Fri 8th—Mothers Day worship 9am

Fri 8th—Ollly Day Road Safety Magic show 1.30pm (Year 1-6)

Mon 11th— KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham

Thurs 14th—EYFS Trip to Wroxham Barns

Mon 18th— KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham

Mon 18th—Share work with parents 3pm

Mon 18th—EYFS Parent consultations

Tues 19th—EYFS Parent consultations

Mon 25th— KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham

Mon 25th—Easter service at Church 2pm

EASTER HOLIDAYS—Thursday 28th March—Friday 12th April

April

Monday 15th April—Children return to school

Monday 15th April— KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham

Monday 22nd April— KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham—**Last session**

2023–2024 Academic calendar



Norfolk County Council

2023-2024

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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This Month's Curriculum Focus: PSHE/RSE

The aim of our PSHE/RSE provision is to ensure all pupils have the knowledge and skills they need to be safe, happy and healthy in our ever evolving world.

Our PSHE curriculum at Swallowtail is organised into three concepts: Relationships, Living in the Wider World and Health and Wellbeing. For PSHE we use plans from the PSHE association to support planning sequences of learning across all key stages. A spiral curriculum has planned to allow pupils to revisit knowledge linked to the three concepts. Explicit teaching of vocabulary is a key feature of teaching at the Swallowtail Federation. Each unit introduces children to key vocabulary, which is then built on as they revisit the three concepts.

For RSE we use the RSE solutions scheme to support planning sequences of learning across all key stages. From April 2021 it became statutory that all primary age children (Reception to Year 6) are taught RSE. These subjects are designed to equip your child with knowledge to make informed decisions about their well-being, health and relationships as well as preparing them for successful adult life. The world for all young people looks very different from the way it did 20 years ago when this curriculum was last updated – these changes bring the content into the 21st century, so that it is relevant for your child. All units can be found on our website. Please see below a couple of examples of our RSE planning. The RSE curriculum begins in Reception and progresses all the way to year 6.

Our children record their PSHE/RSE work in class floor books and this can be viewed at our shared work sessions after school.

Year group R

My feelings	My body	My relationships	My beliefs	My rights and responsibilities	Asking for help
How feelings are expressed, words to describe feelings and simple strategies for managing feelings.	Basic personal hygiene.	Celebrating similarities and differences.	Likes, dislikes and making choices.	Personal privacy. The right to keep some things private. Respecting other people's privacy.	Special people, what makes them special and how special people care for one another.

Year group two

My feelings	My body	My relationships	My beliefs	My rights and responsibilities	Asking for help
Recognising and celebrating strengths and achievements. Setting simple but challenging goals.	Growing and changing throughout life.	Understanding that bullying is wrong and unacceptable.	Different families. Understanding there has never been and will never be another them.	Judging what kind of physical contact is acceptable, comfortable and uncomfortable and how to respond.	The difference between secrets and surprises, and the importance of not keeping a secret that makes them feel uncomfortable, worried or afraid.

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