

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.

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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

Message from Mrs. Holmes

Dear families,

This half term our children have had some great learning opportunities within their classes. Last week was Children's Mental Health week, which we celebrated, by working in our house teams and carrying out two activities related to this, we finished with a time of dancing and a story.

Grasshoppers and Bumblebees have been writing non-chronological reports and invitations using formal language. We tried to talk in a formal way for the whole of one lesson, it was very difficult and there were lots of laughing between us all.

Caterpillars and Butterflies enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year, they especially liked trying different foods and were excited as they entered school that morning. Each child made a red envelope and chose who they would give it too, inside they placed some chocolate buttons covered with shiny foil. I felt very honoured to receive one.

We have some very exciting activities coming up over the next few weeks and months, one of which is the Dance Showdown that is run by Premier Sports. We took part in this last year and it was greatly enjoyed by the children that participated. It is an amazing opportunity for the children to shine and show how wonderful they are. This event will take place on July 4th, there will be a maximum of 15 spaces available and there will be a cost. More details will follow.

World Book day is on 7th March and we invite your child to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. During the morning, we will have Premier Sports leading a dance session, in early years this will be around the story of the Gruffalo and in key stage one it will be Matilda. These sessions will be in place of Forest School for this week only. At 1.45pm, we would like to invite you to our reading cafes, which will take place in your child's classroom. If you have more than one child in school you are, welcome to move between the two classes or choose to take both of your children into one classroom.

Today your child will bring home a letter and sponsor form outlining the charity that the school council has chosen to fundraise for during Lent this year.

When we return we will be heading towards lots of Easter activities, you will find the dates for these in the "dates for your diary" section.

I wish you all a relaxing half term holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 26th February.

Mrs. Sabrina Holmes

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- Afterschool school clubs after half term are will be
Mondays-Board games and games club with Miss England 3-4pm.
Thursdays- Basketball with premier sports 3-4pm.

These are bookable via Pupil Asset. Can you please ensure when booking you book for the whole half term; this charge is non-refundable. The last session will be w/c 18th March 2024. All afterschool clubs are £2.00 a session.

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 RSHE. 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.

Dawn Steers (Subject Leader for PSHE/RSE)

Dates for your diary (all subject to change)

Spring term:

- 7th March- World Book Day Reading Café 1.45pm-3.00pm.
- 8th March- Mother's Day Worship from 8.50am.
- 12th March- Early Years Stay and Play session. 9.30am-11.00am.
- 18th March- Children sharing their work from 2.45pm.
- 20th and 21st March- EYFS parent consultations. Times to be confirmed.
- 21st March- YR height and weight assessment.
- 26th March- Easter craft afternoon from 1.45pm.
- 27th March- Easter church service at 9.30am, for children from reception to year 2.
- 27th March- Easter Bonnet Parade.

Summer term:

- 8th May- Forest School stay and play session 9.30-11.00am.
- 17th May- Bingo night from 6.00pm-8.00pm. More information to follow.
- 14th June- Father's Day Worship from 8.50am.
- 19th June- Class and leaver's school photos from 9.00am.
- 22nd June- Summer Fayre. More information to follow.
- 24th June- Children sharing their work.
- 26th-27th- KS1 Parent consultations.
- 2ND July- Early Years Stay and Play session. 9.30-11.00am.
- 4th July- Dance Showdown. More information to follow.
- 5th July- Wheels night 5.30pm-7.30pm. More information to follow.
- 10th July- Sports day at 1.30pm.
- 12th July- Year 2 leaver's night. More information to follow.
- 17th July- Reserve Sports day (if 10th cancelled due to weather).
- 18th July- Leavers service at school at 1.30pm.
- 19th July- End of year church service at 1.30pm.

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