

Friday 26th November



Dear Families of Swillington Primary School,

Thank you all for this week.

In Monday's assembly, we welcomed Rev. Diane who discussed with us the term community and how it links to our school.

At today's training day, our teaching team will be using recent assessments the pupils have taken part in to plan for the next few weeks of learning and address any misconceptions.

On Wednesday, our school was reviewed by a National Leader of Education. He commented on the following;

- *Pupils take pride in their work. They listen carefully to the instructions of the adults and meet the expectations. When pupils are engaged in learning and they understand the expectations and small steps, their behaviour is exemplary.*
- *Clear teaching structures are in place in phonics, talk for writing and maths.*
- *Fire alarm was orderly and well managed. Pupils were calm and did not panic. Fantastic behaviour and expectations.*
- *I really enjoyed seeing the school in action. Please pass on my thanks to all the staff for welcoming us in the rooms. It is clear to see and hear about the progress you have made to date in changing the direction of the school. Those steps are paying dividends in terms of consistency and expectation. The pupils are a credit to consistency and clear routines.*

As you can imagine, we are extremely proud of our pupils and the team that makes it possible everyday.

### **Phonics parent open classroom**

As a follow up to our Read Write Inc meeting, we would like to invite Polar Bear, Snow Leopard, Tiger and Elephant's parents into school on Tuesday 30th November 9.00 - 10.00 to watch your child's phonic session. This will be a great opportunity for you to see the strategies and vocabulary used in a phonics session so you can use the same at home.

### **Use of DOJO**

Please remember that our team are at school throughout the day and will need to spend time with their families on evenings and weekends. You may not get an immediate response to messages you send.

### **Channels of communication**

Please can I remind you to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance for matters relating to your child.

For general enquiries, e.g. wrap around care, dinners etc please contact the main school office-  
[office@swillingtonprimary.com](mailto:office@swillingtonprimary.com)

### **Zero tolerance of abusive behaviour**

Expectations of parents, carers and visitors to the school.

Our team do not come to work for any of the following...

Types of behaviour that are considered serious and unacceptable and which will not be tolerated in relation to members of staff and other members of the community are:

- **shouting, either in person or over the telephone**
- **swearing, either in person or over the telephone**
- **emails which are sarcastic, combative or aggressive in tone and language constant emails and/or phone calls which amount to harassment and intimidation, despite the school's best efforts to address a situation**
- **inappropriate electronic activity including publishing abusive or inappropriate content with regards to the school, teachers or students on social networking websites such as Facebook and Twitter or in email communication**
- **any form of physical violence, such as pushing or hitting physically intimidation, e.g. standing unnecessarily close to her/him**
- **the use of rude or aggressive hand gestures, including shaking or holding a fist towards another person**

### **3rd December**

Dress down and bring a tombola gift for the Christmas Fair. There is no set donation- we kindly ask for any contributions. The tombola gifts can vary from cosmetics to chocolates. Thank you.

### **Attendance**

Please visit our website to find our attendance guidelines.

<https://swillingtonprimary.com/parents/school-attendanceabsence-procedure/>

Thank you for supporting your child's attendance.

To date our attendance for the year is 95.%

**This week, our whole school attendance has been 93%. This is extremely low.**

**We have seen a huge rise in term time holidays. Thank you for not taking holidays in term time.**

**Fines are being issued for holidays taken in term time.**

### **Curricular plans for this year**

Visit our website to see the exciting plans for your child's/children's class.

<https://swillingtonprimary.com/curriculum/curricular-plans/>

### **Nut free school**

Please remember we are a nut free school due to pupils having allergies. Thank you.

### **Ever worried about stray dogs?**

Here is the Leeds City Council website to support next steps.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/environmental-health/dogs-lost-and-found>

**Staggered start/finish times- September 2021**

Please remember to arrive/collect at the **start time of your allocated slot**. Thank you.

**A-H** to arrive at **8.40** Leave at **3.15**

**I-Z** to arrive at **8.50** Leave at **3.15**

**Doors will close at 8.55am**

**School price list: 2021-2022**

School Lunch - £2.35 per day

School Milk - £33 for the year

Nursery Fees - £15 half day / £25 full day

Breakfast Club - £2 per day

Tea Time Club - £3 per hour / £5 per day if you do full week 2 hours a day

**Uniform expectations**

Thank you for ensuring your child/children is/are wearing the correct school uniform. As the expectation will be the same when they attend high school in the future we want to help set this standard now.

We are noticing some pupils are wearing trainers (on their non P.E/club days).

Please remember, if you need any help with this please contact school.

Uniform expectations

Navy blue skirt/dresses/trousers, 'Jade' or Navy polo top and sweatshirt or cardigan. All these items, with the school logo, may be purchased from school, through our supplier or SPT in Garforth, main street. The logo is not compulsory, and you may be able to buy suitable clothing from a local shop or online.

Children should wear sensible flat school shoes. Shoes with high heels are not appropriate, neither are flip-flops or open-toed sandals in the summer time. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name.

**If you need any help with getting the correct uniform, please speak to Mr Cahill.**

**Wrap around care**

Our Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club is running as normal. If you would like to book your child into any of these, please contact the school office. **Please note, we do require some notice for Tea Time Club as we may need to adjust our staffing.**

**Lunches from September 2021**

The menu is on our website. Next week is Week 3.

<https://swillingtonprimary.com/assets/Uploads/School-Lunch-Menu-September-2021.pdf>

**Calendar 2021-2022**

Our training days for next year are now confirmed and an updated School Calendar can be found on the school website: <https://swillingtonprimary.com/parents/calendar/>

<https://swillingtonprimary.com/assets/Uploads/BLP-Term-Dates-2021-2022-amended-to-reflect-Platinum-jubilee.pdf>

We hope you all have a happy and safe weekend.

Thank you,

*Mr M Cahill*  
*Headteacher*



The banner features a dark green background with white clouds, yellow stars, and a yellow planet. On the left, a shield-shaped graphic contains four quadrants: 'Stay Safe', 'Respect our Environment', 'Imagine the Possibilities', and 'Tolerance'. Below the shield is a ribbon with the motto 'Finding the Subject in Everyday'. The Swillington Primary School logo is in the top center. On the right, a speech bubble contains the quote: "This school continues to be good. Pupils are happy at school." OFSTED 2019. The main text reads: "Register now for **Nursery & Reception places 2022**". Below this, it says: "We have full and part time places available for our nursery". At the bottom, contact information is provided: "Swillington Primary School", "www.swillingtonprimary.com", "Call us: 0113 286 3220", and "Email: office@swillingtonprimary.com". A stack of books is shown in the bottom right corner.

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