



Dear Families of Swillington Primary School,

Thank you

Thank you all for this half term. We are halfway through this school year. We are all hoping that, from the 8th March, we can welcome everyone back.

I also need to say a huge thank you to the whole team at Swillington Primary School. They really are the best team and have your children at the heart of everything they do. After half term, we will be welcoming Mr Lancashire to the team. As you are aware, Miss Gibson will be starting her maternity leave later in the next half term but Mr Lancashire has already started to work closely with Miss Gibson to ensure a smooth transition for Lion Class.

Contacting school over the holidays

Teachers will not be checking Dojo or their emails from Friday 12th February 16:30. This is so they can spend quality time with their families and have a relaxing break.

So that we can contact other members of a class bubble, please contact us up to 15th February if your child receives a positive test result.

Only contact us using this mobile school number- 0776 1749 214

After Monday 15th February, you no longer need to make us aware of positive cases. This is to comply with track and trace regulations.

Snow Days

If we have further snow days, we will cancel all live learning sessions. This is to ensure consistency of learning for all of our children and because of technical difficulties that staff have working from home. We will still continue to set and monitor learning via Dojo / Tapestry and teachers will still be contactable during school hours. This also gives your family the opportunity to enjoy the snow.

Our Live Learning Offer- after half term

After feedback from parents, we are really pleased to offer an additional morning live teach session to each class (Tigers - Turtles). Previous live learning slots have been altered so please check your new times. As before, Polar Bears and Snow Leopards will not have live sessions on a Wednesday Morning. Afternoon sessions will continue as normal. This started a few weeks ago and will continue after half term for the first two weeks.

9.00 - 9.25	<i>Snow Leopards and Tigers</i>
9.25 - 9.50	<i>Polar Bears (9.30 - 9.45)</i> <i>Turtles (9.25 - 9.50)</i>
9.50 - 10.15	<i>Elephants + Penguins</i>
10.15 - 10.40	<i>Lions</i>
10.40 - 11.05	<i>Tigers and Turtles</i>
11.05 - 11.30	<i>Elephants and Penguins</i>
11.30 - 11.55	<i>Lions</i>

Assembly Theme

Our assembly theme this week has been based around Chinese New Year, Year of the Ox. We watched the following video to support our learning-<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07zqjl7>

Our Virtual Library

Visit our virtual library! There are lots of exciting resources (including audio books.)

<https://swillingtonprimary.com/community/the-virtual-library/>

Class code= xuu4495

Parent Questionnaire and Forum

As promised, we are sharing with you a document with what parents and carers suggested in the survey and our response/support. We really appreciate your feedback.

100% of those surveyed feel that we are communicating well. Thank you.

Home Learning

As well as all the fantastic learning provided by teachers, remember we have a wealth of further sites on our school website- <https://swillingtonprimary.com/curriculum/home-learning-websites/>

Cold weather/slippery surfaces

Please be careful on a morning when walking to school and walking around the school site. Similar to last week, we will try and text you in the morning if we feel the ground surface is particularly icy. We will always endeavour to grit the surface and use the main entrance to minimise any risk.

Lunches

The menu is on our website. We will be entering the week 2 menu.

Food Bank

We will be operating a food bank every Friday (starting from 12th Feb). This will be placed at the front of school. If you would like to donate tinned goods etc, you can drop these off at school on a Monday and Tuesday so they can be safely quarantined until Friday. We want to ensure that none of our families go hungry, so please use the food bank if you need it.

Calendar 2021-2022

We will confirm our training days for next year.

<https://swillingtonprimary.com/parents/calendar/>

Please can I also remind parents about adhering to social distancing whilst dropping off and collecting.

We hope you all have a happy and safe half term break. We are back on Monday 22nd February.

Thank you,

Mr M Cahill
Headteacher

