



# Swanton Abbott Primary School

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Dear Swanton Abbott families,

We have had an excellent start to the school year. The children have settled in wonderfully and we are already seeing fabulous learning behaviours across the school. Their enthusiasm and dedication to their lessons are truly commendable.

Please find below some important dates for the upcoming term:

- **Friday 4th October 2024** - Individual and Sibling photos
- **Wednesday 9th October 2024:** 'Open the Door Afternoon' - Join us for an informal and welcoming afternoon where you can meet your child's teachers, look through their work and enjoy cake and tea with fellow parents
- **Thursday 10th October 2024:** Hello Yellow (World Mental Health day) Children are invited to wear any yellow items that they have and children will have some fun activities to complete in school.
- **Thursday 17th October 2024:** Doves class - Parent cafe (2:30pm to 3:20pm). This is a chance for Doves families to come together and share a story and activities in the classroom.
- **Friday 18th October 2024:** SAPTFA led 'Spooky Disco' (details to follow from SAPTFA)
- **Tuesday 22nd October 2024:** Harvest Festival (9:30am start) in the Church. Families are welcome to come back to school to share in soup and rolls with Harvest themed activities.
- **Thursday 24th October 2024** - SAPTFA led 'Non-School Uniform day'. Children can wear their own choice of clothes and donate £1 on the day. Last day of half term.
- **Thursday 7th November 2024** - Owls and Merlins trip to Gressenhall (separate letter)
- **Friday 15th November 2024** - BBC Children in Need dress up day
- **Monday 18th November 2024** - Doves trip to Bacton for Topic experience (separate letter)
- **Tuesday 19th November 2024 (reserve session is Tuesday 3rd December 2024)** - Flu vaccinations
- **Wednesday 4th December 2024** - Height and Weight check (R and 6). Vision and Hearing (R only)
- **Friday 6th December 2024** - SAPTFA Christmas evening event in school for families (5:30pm)
- **Wednesday 11th December 2024** - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day AND Christmas Lunch day - Children can wear their festive clothing for the day in school whilst enjoying their festive lunch
- **Thursday 12th December 2024** - Christmas in the Church (9:30am - 11:30am) followed by Christmas Crafts in school
- **Friday 20th December 2024** - Last day of term. Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January.

We kindly remind you to check these dates and mark them on your calendar to ensure you don't miss any key events.

**Important Notice:**

It has come to our attention that there have been a few cases of head lice reported in school. Please take a moment to check your child's hair and treat them if necessary. Regular checks at home will help keep this under control. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Open the Door:**

We would like to invite parents and carers to our new 'Open the Door' afternoon. The afternoon will run from 2pm to 4:30pm. It is an opportunity to meet with staff, have a look at your child's books, speak with their teacher and enjoy some time with other parents and carers. There will also be some workshops during the afternoon that you are welcome to attend. Please see the flyer attached to this letter for more information.

**Dojo:**

We are slightly altering the way in which we use Dojo. We are using Dojo to give the children reward points that they will be able to 'spend' in our Swanton Swap Shop as well as sharing learning pictures and events with you. We will not be using the messaging service on this, moving forwards as we do not want to miss important messages from families. If you would like to send a message to the school or your child's class teacher, we ask that you do this through our school office email ([office-swantonabbott@coastaltogether.co.uk](mailto:office-swantonabbott@coastaltogether.co.uk))

**Cool Milk Program:**

As a reminder, Cool Milk is served during break time, and the children can collect their milk from the adult by the benches. We've reminded all children about this, but we encourage you to ask your child if they still want to participate in the program so we can manage the distribution accordingly.

We're looking forward to a productive and enjoyable term ahead.

Kind regards,

**Fiona Russell**

Head of School



# OPEN THE DOOR Afternoon

We're excited to invite you to our Open the Door Afternoon on Wednesday 9th October 2024! This new, relaxed alternative to the traditional parents' evening gives you the chance to drop in anytime before 4:30 pm, meet your child's teachers, explore their work, and enjoy some cake and a cup of tea.

## KEY DETAILS:

- Date: Wednesday 9th October 2024
- Time: Drop in anytime between 2pm and 4:30 pm
- Location: Swanton Abbott Community Primary School

Throughout the afternoon, we'll also be running helpful workshops:

- Wellbeing: Learn about how we support your child's mental health.
- Safeguarding: Meet our safeguarding team and hear about how we are here to help and support.
- SEND: Meet our SEND Team
- Reading: Discover ways to support your child's literacy at home.
- Coffee and Chat with the Head: Enjoy an informal conversation with the headteacher.

We look forward to welcoming you for this relaxed and engaging afternoon—our doors will be open until 4:30 pm!

**DON'T WORRY—WE WILL STILL BE HOLDING A FORMAL PARENTS' EVENING IN THE SPRING TERM.**

