

Friday 24th November 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		29 th Nov Year 6 Heights and Weights		1 Decorations Day (Parents/Carers Welcome) 9:15-10:15am
4	5 Year 1 and Year 2 Quayside Visit Gymnastics Festival	6	7 2pm Year 6 Visit to Abbeymoore Care Centre	8 Reception Vision Screening
11 9:30am Early Years Christmas Performance 1:30pm Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance Scholastic Book Fair	12 9:30am Key Stage 2 Carol Concert 2pm Year 3 – Carol Singing at Swalwell Community Centre Scholastic Book Fair	13 9:30am Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance Christmas Lunch Scholastic Book Fair	14 9:30am Early Years Christmas Performance 1:30pm Key Stage 2 Carol Concert Scholastic Book Fair	15 Christmas Jumper Day – Non Uniform Day (50p Donation) Christmas Fayre Scholastic Book Fair
18 Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party - afternoon	19 Year 4 Northern Stage Visit	20 Early Years Christmas Party – Morning Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party - afternoon	21 Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party – afternoon Early Years Northern Stage Visit	22 Pyjama day and film afternoon

Weekly Attendance

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	95%
1	93%
2	98%
3	98%
4	92%
5	96%
6	93%

Christmas Fayre

We are holding a Christmas Fayre on Friday 15th December from 3:00pm onward in the school hall. We are looking for parents/carers who would be interested in selling Christmas Crafts to run a stall at the fayre. Please contact the school office for more details or to express interest.

We are also hoping to run a Christmas raffle at the fayre and would be very grateful if parents/carers could donate prizes to the school office. We would really appreciate anything you could donate. Thank you to all parents who have already donated.



Early Years Chopwell Woods Visit

Early Years thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Chopwell Woods last Friday.

They had a busy morning packed full of fun alongside their helpful guide Rebecca. They began their visit by enjoying a sensory walk, classifying and collecting as many different leaves as they could carry before moving on to carry out an exciting natural shape and pattern investigation! They continued further into the woods to carry out their very own minibeast hunt. The children were very excited to find a small snail, a long worm and a very large slug amongst others! Rebecca then led the children to a picnic area to tell them all about the importance of keeping birds healthy. The children worked in pairs to create their own bird feeders using an acorn, a pipe cleaner, vegetarian lard and bird seed.

Thank you to all of our adult volunteers who helped make the visit such a success!



Scholastic Book Fair

From Friday 8th December until Thursday 14th December we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair after Christmas performances and after school. We'll have bestsellers, classics, award-winners and lots more from the very best authors and illustrators, there's sure to be a book for everyone. When you buy a book, school gets one for free! All pupils and parents are welcome to come along.

Year 2 Printing Blocks

In their art lessons, Year 2 pupils have been making their own printing blocks using different materials.

Photographs can be viewed on our school website

www.swalwellprimary.org

Happy Birthday to...

Emris Woodhall 5, Kayli Garnionyte 4 and James Graham 4.



Early Years Can Dance

This half term in Early Years the afternoon children have enjoyed working with Miss Lawson and Miss Hebron to learn a dance to the song "I just can't wait to be king" from the Lion King film.

Children have worked hard to listen and follow instructions, counting simple steps and working together to negotiate space safely and successfully.



The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning to experiment with different ways of moving and their confidence has grown each lesson.

Early Years Children in Need

Last week Early Years were learning about Children in Need and were very excited to make some Pudsey biscuits!

They have been working hard on their listening skills and were all able to follow the instructions given.



Well done to all children for their hard work and thank you to everyone for the kind donations!

Road Safety Week

As part of Road Safety Week this week in school pupils have been learning about staying safe on the roads. There was a whole school assembly held about Road safety.

Early Years

Children in Early Years had a Beep Beep day where they took part in lots of different activities about Road Safety. Further details will follow on our school website

Year 1

Year 1 learnt the rules of Stop, Look and Listen and designed road safety posters.

Year 3

Year 3 made their own highway code. They also tested running and stopping distances.

Governor Vacancy

The Governing Body of Swalwell Primary School works with the Head Teacher and staff team, to provide support and challenge to effectively ensure the very best all-round education for our children is achieved.

Parent Governors are elected by and from the parents of registered pupils at the school for a period of four years. We currently have 2 Parent Governor vacancies. The role of the Parent Governor is vital to the effective running of the school and is a means of giving worthwhile service to the whole school community.

The Governing Body as a whole is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. It carries out its role by setting the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards its vision.

An effective Parent Governor is someone who:

- Cares about improving the educational achievement of all children
- Wants to work as part of a team and can value the contribution made by different people
- Is willing to listen, learn, be supportive and ask questions.
- Has a feel for what is important to the Swalwell community and as a parent yourself, understand other parents' views and concerns
- Has enthusiasm and can commit their time and energy.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role or wish to discuss how you can contribute to Swalwell Primary School, we'd be happy to hear from you. Please contact Lucy Gray, Chair of Governors, via swalwellgovernors@gatedu.org or contact school on 0191 433 4000, to arrange an informal discussion.