

PARENT BULLETIN



The Swan School

SWANCOMM

INTERNATIONAL FOOD

EVENING: 25 March 2020

The next SwanComm event will be an International Food evening on **Wednesday 25 March 1700-1830** at the school. This will be an opportunity for school families to share food that is traditional or special to them in some way (whether that be Welsh Cakes, Japanese Sushi, or something completely different). Come along and bring food! You could even team up with other families from the school and bring a selection of foods.

There is an "International Evening March 2020" group on Class List where you can discuss what's happening and what food you might bring. We are also looking for suggestions of simple activities that can go alongside the food.

We'll need some volunteers to help organise and run the evening - please use the ClassList group to get involved.

All parents, carers and families of school students are welcome to come to this free event - whether or not you bring food!

FRENCH

French at Swan

During the holidays or at home, the children can practise their French on www.quizlet.com. They have signed up using their Swan email address and have created a username, which is initial followed by surname and then 19 (jsmith19). Quizlet is also available as an app. Why not watch a French film as a family? I recommend ["The School of Life"](#) or ["Petit Nicolas"](#)

END OF TERM SUMMER SHOW!

We are very excited to begin planning and preparing our end of term summer show, which this year will be A Midsummer Night's Dream. Students were asked to express their interest this week and will soon be coming home with audition scripts if they have requested one. Please help and encourage your child to learn their lines over half term in readiness for their audition, which will be timetabled at some point during supervised study in the first week back after half term. In addition, we are keen to hear from any parents who have expertise, or would like to lend a hand, with the production side of things such as: props, costumes, makeup, lighting and sound, as well as assistance with running the interval refreshments etc. Please get in touch with [Mrs Hinze](#) if you would like to get involved!

KEY DATES COMING UP

First Day Back

Monday 24th February - normal time

SwanComm

The next SwanComm meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March, 7.30-9pm in Classroom 2.

Museum Trip (Weston Library) Dates

26th February - 1:50pm - 4:40pm

4th March 1.50pm - 4.40pm

Parent Forum (social time consultation and routines)

Tuesday 10th March (5-6pm)

SCHOOL SKI TRIP

Register your interest for a school ski trip.

We are planning to run a Year 8 ski trip next year during the Easter holidays. The trip will last for a whole week, including time to travel to the Alps by coach.

Specific details will be made available as soon as we have them, but we can't plan any further until we have a rough idea of how many students would be able to come on the trip - or indeed if we have enough interest to make it feasible to even run it.

We have negotiated a price of £977 per student. We will not require the full sum immediately and we will be offering a payment plan to help support this.

Again, we will not be able to run the trip without sufficient student interest.

Register your interest here:

shorturl.at/dmzFG

Mr Maulkerson

School Drop Off & Collection Reminder

We would like to remind all parents not to drive into the school site - this was an essential condition of our school being given planning permission and a specific requirement of our school travel plan. If you must drop off/collect then the Ferry Centre should be used.

Parents must not drop off or collect from the Cherwell School South Site Road. This is causing significant congestion and endangering students' safety.

SHAPE OF THE DAY CONSULTATION

We are considering making some changes to the structure of our day and would like your feedback about whether parents/carers are supportive of the possible changes.

Broadly, we are proposing to:

- Reduce each lesson by 5 minutes (to 55 minutes).
- Using this time to increase social time for students during the day.
- Bring the end of the day forward by 5 minutes to 4.35pm.

Please take the time to read this [consultation paper](#) and to discuss your thoughts with your child and other parents.

We will be discussing the proposal at our next Parent Forum on the 10th March and invite you to come along to share your views.

We will send out a questionnaire following the Parent Forum once families have had a chance to discuss their views.

STUDENT ILLNESS

There are always lots of bugs going around at this time of year so a few illnesses is nothing unusual or to worry about. However, in light of the recent spread of coronavirus, we did want to remind you all of some simple ways that we are encouraging good hygiene:

- always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell.