

PARENT BULLETIN - Friday 28th February



Dear Parents/Carer,

Welcome back to term 3; we hope that you enjoyed a restful half term with your children. It is hard to believe that we are now almost exactly halfway through our first year at The Swan and it is amazing to see how much the students have grown and developed. During Monday's assembly we shared with the students pictures of progress at the new site, which was very exciting to see, and started to think about how we will be role models for the new students who start with us in September. We know that they will live up to our expectations.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March - We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March at The Swan School - We look forward to seeing all your exciting costumes on World Book Day, Thursday 5th March! We would love it if you came dressed as a book character - please bring the actual book along with you on the day, together with a £1 donation. This event is being organised by our school council.

Oxford University Visit

As a part of our careers provision we are delighted to have Oxplora from the University visit us on **Monday 2nd March**. They will be speaking to all students about University as an option and also deliver some Thinking and Speaking skills sessions. Please, if you get the chance, ask your child how this went on Monday.

SwanComm

- **Easy Fundraising** - SwanComm have very kindly set up an Easyfundraising, this is to raise funds for the school. Using [this link](#), you can shop online with over 4000 retailers and each time a donation is made to our school. Happy shopping!
- **SwanComm meeting - Monday 2 March 2020 - 7.30pm at School**. We will be discussing the International Evening, planning for future events, and also hearing from the Travel Action Group. Come along and provide your input. Please see the [website](#) for the full and detailed agenda for this meeting.

Cultural Activities Around Oxford

- **La Boheme at the Oxford Playhouse** - We're excited to tell you about Oxford Opera's thrilling new production of La Boheme, which hits the Oxford Playhouse stage on 6 March. The company and creative team that brought you Tosca in 2018 and Award-winning Carmen in 2019, returns in 2020 with an incredible line-up of soloists and chorus of 70 local children and students. [Please find more information attached.](#)
- **Oxford Literary Festival** - will be running between 27th March and 5th April. There are loads of low cost and free events running as part of this, many of which are suitable for children. You can find out what is on [here](#).

Snow Procedure

We would just like to remind you that in the event that we are forced to close the school, due to the weather conditions, you will be notified of this via the My Child At School app as well as via email.

If you have changed your contact details at all, we would kindly advise you to let the school office know as soon as possible, so that we can update the system and ensure messages and updates reach you.

Uniform

We hold a small supply of school uniform in reception, this is for students to borrow in an emergency (if they rip theirs/forget it etc) and we have several items missing. Please could you check to see if you have any such items at home. They will be marked Swan 1, Swan 2 etc on the label. Many thanks for your help with this.

Coronavirus

We are alert to the concerns and anxieties amongst some students and parents of the school as a result of the ongoing situation concerning Coronavirus (Covid-19). As a school, we continue to monitor the situation at school level and the advice and guidance being provided to us by the Department for Education and Public Health England. At the time of writing, we have no recorded incidents of Covid-19 within our school and we ask for your support in reassuring your son or daughter about the situation.

Healthy children and adults remain at low risk of infection, however please do continue to remind your children about the importance of good hygiene in preventing the spread of any illness, for example washing hands, sneezing/coughing into a tissue, avoiding close physical contact with others. Children are welcome to bring a small hand sanitiser gel into school if they would like to use it.

We are aware that some students and parents may have been away over the half term break last week, so it might be helpful to advise you of the Public Health guidance we are following at the present time, and to ask you to observe the same, in respect of your immediate household. Please do let us know if you have travelled to any of the affected regions outlined in this [list](#).

Parent Voice

- **Structure of the Day Consultation** - if you have not already, please take the time to read the [paper that we have circulated](#) outlining some possible changes to the school day. Once you have read and discussed the proposals, please do share your views with us using [this form](#) by the end of Friday 13th March.
- **Parent Forum - Tuesday 10th March, 5-6.30pm**. We invite you to come along to learn more about our approaches and to ask questions about the school. The focus for this forum will be social time changes (see above) and our consistent routines.

UPCOMING DATES

- **SwanComm** The next SwanComm meeting will be held on:
Monday 2nd March, 7.30pm - 9pm in Classroom 2.
- **Museum Trip (Weston Library)**
4th March 1.50pm - 4.40pm
- **Parent Forum (social time consultation and routines)**
Tuesday 10th March (5-6.30pm)