

PARENT BULLETIN



The Swan School

REMINDERS

School Trip - Hill End

Please note further payments of £10 are due in Feb, Mar and April. All payments to be made via Parentmail please.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Medication

If you have informed us that your child has a medical condition that may require medication whilst they are in school (e.g. asthma, allergies) your child has been given a form for you to complete and return to school with any relevant medication. Please can you ask your child for the form and return it to the Reception office as soon as possible. If you think you need to complete one and have not yet received it via your child, please contact the office and an electronic copy can be emailed to you.

It is important that you return the form together with any medication required as soon as possible.

REQUESTS

Good quality second-hand fiction

We're delighted to announce that we have 20 new fiction titles for the library, which have been generously donated by a parent.

If you are thinking of doing a spring clean and have good quality books at home suitable for older children or young adults that need a good home, please get in touch with Mrs Hinze. In particular, we only have the first book in the Harry Potter series and we do not have any of the books in the Northern Lights trilogy.

SWANCOMM

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the latest SwanComm meeting on Monday - it was great to see so many there! There was lively discussion about planning an upcoming (more details to follow) and we also formally appointed our new committee members.

- **Co-chairs** - Amber Hatch, Matt Gretton-Dann.
- **Treasurer** - Clare Thomas
- **Class Reps** - Shelley Joyce (L), Russell Porter (Y), Amber Hatch (H) Maria Hepworth (B)

Minutes from the SwanComm page of our website. The date for our next meeting will be posted here - all are welcome!

KEY DATES COMING UP

Friday 14th February - Last day of term.

Please be aware that this will be an early finish of 12.30pm for students as staff have training in the afternoon. We return to school on **Monday 24th February** at normal time.

Museum Trip Dates

- **26th Feb 1:50-4:40pm**
- **4th March 1.50-4.40pm**

REMINDERS

Medical Appointments

If your child does need time out of school for a medical appointment, please remember to submit an Application for Student Absence form.

This can be found at the bottom of the Attendance Policy on the school website. From the Parents menu follow Parental Request forms, click on the green Attendance policy wording, select Attendance Policy and the link for the form can be found at the very bottom. Can you please ensure that your child attends school before and after their appointment where possible.

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 REPORT FEEDBACK

Thank you to those parents who were able to fill in the survey to give their views about the student reports. We have taken on board your feedback and summarised our responses and some changes that we are now planning to make in this [document](#).

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 can all avoid germs from spreading:

1. Make sure that you sneeze or cough into a tissue - you may want to get your child to carry a pack with them.
2. Wash your hands regularly, especially if you have been unwell.