



Swaffham Prior Newsletter

November 2020

Class News

Hedgehogs Our youngest children have been learning about the nativity story, and learning to sing Christmas songs with Makaton signs. They have also explored the effects of water and wind and learnt some digraphs and trigraphs in phonics.

Swifts The children in Year 1 and 2 have continued their London theme since half term with a mini-project on fireworks, including firework poetry and art work, and finding out the history of the gunpowder plot and how it was foiled. They are now designing and making a throne for the Queen.

Bees In maths, Year 3 and 4 are learning about angles—right angles, acute and obtuse, as well as column addition and subtraction. They have learnt about types of settlements in geography, such as town, village, city and hamlet. In science, they have learnt about sound waves and vibrations and found out how fast sound can travel.

Butterflies In Year 5 and 6, the children are busy writing their own ending to *The Island*, after reading the book. They have also been making Mayan masks and learning about Chichen Itza, a complex of Mayan ruins in Mexico, as well as gestation periods in science and how a volcano erupts.

Staff News

Sadly, Mr Lowery will be leaving us at Christmas since he has relocated to Ipswich with his family.

As well as being a fantastic class teacher, he has had an impact across the school with his author days, his guitar playing, his singing assemblies and much, much more.

He will be greatly missed by us all and I'm sure you will join us in wishing him all the best for the future.

School Uniform

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform or school PE kit each day. If you are having difficulties purchasing uniform, please contact us—we have a selection of used uniform available at school. Uniform and book bags bearing our school logo can also be purchased from Mapac—www.mapac.com.

School Uniform	PE Kit
<p>Red polo shirt (with or without school logo)</p> <p>Red jumper or cardigan (with or without school logo)</p> <p>Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore (not jogging bottoms or leggings)</p> <p>Plain tights or socks in school colours</p> <p>Black shoes, not boots, with child-friendly fastenings</p> <p>Hair accessories in school colours</p> <p>Plain stud earrings only</p>	<p>Red round-neck t-shirt (with or without school logo)</p> <p>Black shorts, black jogging bottoms or black leggings</p> <p>Black or red sweatshirt</p> <p>Trainers with child-friendly fastenings</p> <p>Earrings must not be worn</p>
	



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Eastern Access Travel Consultation

A message from Greater Cambridge Partnership

Please make your views known in our travel consultation.

Do you travel into or around Cambridge, for work, leisure or other purposes? We are looking at ways of making travel much easier and safer for everyone and encouraging use of public transport and active travel (for example, walking and cycling).

We would like to hear your views on our **Cambridge Eastern Access** transport consultation which has a number of options for travel to, from and within the east of the city. Visit [Cambridge Eastern Access](#) for an overview of the project.

Here is a direct link to the [consultation page](#) on the website. This will take you to maps and plans, frequently-asked questions and videos. There is also a link to our online survey.

The closing date for the consultation is midday on Friday **18 December 2020**.

To find out more about the Greater Cambridge Partnership, which is working to invest £500 million in employment, housing and transport in the Cambridge area, and to find out more about our projects, visit: <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/>.

FOSPS news!

Don't forget to take part in the Leg it to Lapland fundraiser.

FoSPS has kindly organised a pantomime for the children on 5th December, and a Stall over the Wall event on the same day.

Watch out for updates on these on Class Dojo.



Children in Need

Thank you for your donations for Children in Need.

In school, we had a great time trying to spot the differences—there were patterned socks, wacky hair styles, unusual coats and even odd shoes!

We raised over £60 in total.



Key Dates

4th December Pantomime in school and FoSPS Stall over the Wall

8th December Flu vaccinations in school

11th December Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner

18th December Last day of Autumn term

4th January INSET day

5th January First day of Spring term

Attendance

Against all the odds, children's attendance at Swaffham Prior has been fantastic so far this term. Our average attendance for this term so far is better than this time last year!



Parent Pay

Parent Pay is now up and running. You must activate your account in order to start making payments for school meals as well as ordering them.

Meals must be ordered by midnight on Tuesday for the following week. Even if your child is eligible for Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals, you will still need to book meals each week.