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Date: 4th October 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great couple of weeks with the children being in full time. They are amazing at lunchtime—all sitting sensibly together and eating like a family, politely talking to one another.



The children have also begun their phonics learning and hopefully have been sharing some of the actions with you.



We have had a visit from Mr Duffy from the Swindon Food Collective (food bank) who came into school today to talk to the children about the important work that the Collective carries out in the town and how we can all help. Please see letter below with examples of what you can donate. There will be a box in the main entrance for the next two weeks where you can pop your donations.

Turf cutting ceremony



It was lovely to see many of you at the turf cutting ceremony yesterday to witness the first turf cut on the site of our new school. It was a historic moment for the school (and luckily the rain stayed away) which we will all be able to look back on in years to come and say "I was there when..."

Mrs Dance led the children in a chorus of "d,d,d,digger", the phoneme that they have been learning today, as they watched Mr Evans, CEO of The Blue Kite Academy Trust, dig into the ground. Work on the new site is now under way and we will keep you posted with progress as the year goes on.



We look forward to working with you and your children this academic year and into the future as we develop our new school.

Mrs J Fraser
Executive Headteacher

Mrs L Dance
Head of School

Friends of Badbury Park

We are so excited to unveil the new logo for our PTA which has the anemone leaf from our school logo as the central theme with helping hands creating the "trunk" of the tree to symbolise support. We hope you will agree that it is very eye-catching. If anyone else would like to support the school by joining the Friends of Badbury Park, please speak to Mrs Artus.



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Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you for coming to support our rescheduled Macmillan coffee afternoon earlier today and many thanks to our Friends Of Badbury Park for all their hard work in making it a successful afternoon. We raised £84.60 which we will be donating to this very worthwhile cause and another £77 in the raffle which will be put towards school resources.



"My Child at School" app and parent portal

Effective two-way communication is at the heart of a successful school and it is widely recognised that the more involved parents are in their child's education, the better the pupil performs at school. With this in mind, we will shortly be introducing an online portal and app which we will be using to communicate with parents.

Mychildatschool.com

The benefits of using a school app to you as a parent include:

- Instant access to an up-to-date school calendar
- School announcements section to inform you of events, visits or trips
- Push notifications to let you know instantly about important information or reminders
- Online parent consultation bookings
- An insight on your child's homework topics
- Instant access to Newsletters
- Option to update and confirm the contact and student details that we hold in school



no more crumpled notes in the bottom of the school bag, or letters stuck on the fridge

You will shortly receive an email with your user name and an invitation to log on to the portal together with a user manual. Please log on as soon as you receive this or speak to the office if you need any help with accessing the portal.

Flu Vaccination

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children to help protect them against flu. Nurses from Virgin Care will be at Badbury Park Primary School on Thursday 28th November to administer the spray to everyone who has given consent. The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril; it is quick, painless and works even better than the injected flu vaccine. It has few side effects, most commonly getting a runny nose after the vaccination for a few days, and we would urge you to sign up for the immunisation to protect your child.

Look out for an email on Monday 7th October which will give you more information about the immunisation and how to sign up.



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Parent Curriculum Meeting

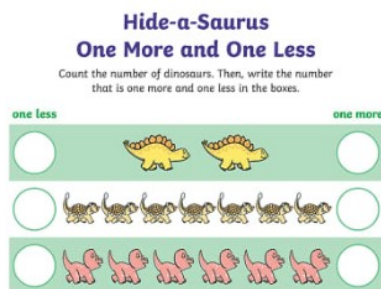
A big thank you to those parents who attended the parent curriculum meeting - we hope you found it useful. The packs that we discussed have now been given out to all parents. Please pop in at 8.30am any morning and talk to Mrs Dance if you have any questions.

The packs include the sounds (phonemes) that we will be teaching daily and how to form the letters (graphemes). Each sound is accompanied by a caption action and a sparkle mark. Hopefully, your children are sharing these with you daily as they learn them and these are also in the pack. We will continue to learn four sounds and graphemes a week until Christmas. You will have also noticed 'tricky troll' words. These are words which the children can not use their sounds to work out and need to be learnt by sight. Please practise them regularly until they are embedded in their long-term memory.



Once the children have shown us that they can segment and blend the sounds we have taught we will send a reading book home. This will be accompanied by a reading record book which parents can sign every time the child reads with an adult. We encourage families to read together every day, as the Phonics Fairy says, "Reading makes you brainy!"

The children will also be learning a number a week as we follow a maths mastery approach to our mathematics teaching. They will be encouraged to represent the number in many ways using objects and then with drawings. We will introduce measure, money and counting as part of this. Children are encouraged to talk about their mathematical thinking and will be expected to say one more and one less of the numbers they learn. We will embed numbers to 10 up until Christmas. They do not need to write them but will need to count, order and represent them.



Please look at our school website for updates on what we have been learning in class and do not hesitate to pop in if you have any questions.

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Our Mission: To reduce the impact of food poverty on people in crisis in the Swindon and district area.



Dear Parent or Guardian

HARVEST DONATIONS

Each year your school collects non-perishable, tinned and packet food which is then donated to the Swindon Food Collective (Swindon's food bank).

The Swindon Food Collective then distributes your donated non-perishable food to those in need; helping individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves because of low wages, family crisis, delayed payments, redundancy, bereavement and/or sickness.

We exist because of the current levels of poverty and deprivation in our local area. People are going hungry, and with each passing day, more and more are falling into poverty with little chance of escape. Today there will be parents wondering how they are going to feed themselves and their children. There will be schoolchildren struggling to focus on their studies and classes because their stomachs are rumbling, parents who have skipped breakfast to ensure that their children did not have to, families searching their cupboards for what is left and elderly people who are unable to access food or unable to afford it.

If you are able, please donate something off this list below and send into school for Harvest and if you can afford to "POP ON A POUND" to your tin or packet with sellotape or attach it in a sealed envelope, this will help raise funds to help cover the cost of running the distribution centres, warehouse and vans which collect and distribute the food.

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| • Sugar (500gms) | • Long Life milk (1Ltr) | • Long life fruit juice or squash (1ltr) |
| • Tinned tomatoes | • Tinned or packet potato | • Tinned vegetables - carrots, peas, sweetcorn |
| • Meals - spaghetti hoops, macaroni cheese, fry bento pies, beans with sausages etc. | • Cooking sauces - sweet and sour, curry, bolognese etc. | • Tinned puddings - tapioca, sago, semolina, macaroni, rice, custard etc. |
| • Tinned meat - corned beef, meatballs, spam, hot dogs, ham, curries etc. | • Tinned Fruit - pears, peaches, plums, mandarin oranges, pineapple etc. | • Wash & Go 2in1 shampoo/conditioner, shower gel (male & female) |
| • Deodorant (male & female), | • Toilet rolls | • Toothpaste & toothbrushes |

You can follow us on Facebook: Swindon Food Collective and you can also donate via our Facebook or web page www.swindonfoodcollective.org

Thank you.

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Please don't forget to sign up for a parent consultation meeting appointment in the office.

There are still a couple of children without the green school book bags. Rucksacks are too big to fit in our class box so we would appreciate it if everyone could have a named school book bag please.



Authentic Resources

Please see below a list of the authentic resources that we are still trying to source for school. If anyone has any of the items below that they would be happy to donate, please let Mrs Dance or Mrs Artus know.

Old telephones



Typewriters



Suitcases



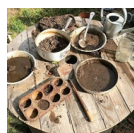
Wooden table and chairs
(Ikea style)



Large wooden cable reels



Pot, pans and utensils for
the mud kitchen and musical instruments



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School Diary

October

3rd: Turf Cutting ceremony at permanent site at 3pm (collect children at 2.45)
 Week commencing 7th October: Harvest festival donations
 8th : Open morning for prospective parents
 11th : 2:30-3pm Open House
 17th: Open morning for prospective parents
 17th: Parent consultation evening 2-5pm
 18th Fire safety visit (postponed from 27th September)
 23rd: Break up for half term
24th—1st November Half term holiday

November

4th : Children back to school
 5th : Open morning for prospective parents
 7th: Open afternoon for prospective parents
 11th: Anti bullying week & online safety week
15th : Children in Need
28th : Flu vaccinations

December

3rd: Open morning for prospective parents
 13th: Christmas Jumper Day
 13th: PTA Christmas event
 17th: Christmas nativity/songs
 20th: Break up for holidays

23rd December—6th January 2020
Christmas holiday.



January 2020

6th: Teacher training day
 7th: Children return to school

New dates in red