

Swainswick News



On Friday 4th March, Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in a cross country event around St Mark's School. One of our pupils, Danny Williams, came first and Felix Newton came second. Overall Swainswick School came in at Second place competing against 5 other schools. The cross country path was marked with cones and all runners had to complete the course twice. Here's is a useful tip: you shouldn't use all your energy in the first lap.

It was great fun but extremely exhausting

By Peter Corse and Charlie Muscot



Term Dates Reminder

Term 1

Tuesday 1st September 2015 - Friday 23rd October 2015

Term 2

Monday 2nd November 2015 - Friday 18th December 2015

Term 3

Monday 4th January 2016 - Friday 12th February 2016

Term 4

Monday 22nd February 2016 - Friday 1st April 2016

Term 5

Monday 18th April 2016 - Friday 27th May 2016

Term 6

Monday 6th June 2016 - Thursday 21st July 2016

Scarlett Fever update

There have been cases of scarlet fever within the South West recently and the school has received advice from the department of Public Health. Advice is as follows:



Public Health England

Early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body.

As per national Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings, children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should be **excluded** from nursery / school / work. They may return to their place of work, if they are feeling better but only **24 hours** after commencement of antibiotics. The antibiotic course for a Scarlet fever infection is 10 days and it is important that the full course of antibiotics is completed, even if the patient has started to feel better. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

Good luck to all the children taking part in the Dance Umbrella next week! They have been practising really hard and will do Swainswick School proud!



Ashley Ayre (People and Communities Strategic Director) visit.

Mr Beament invited Ashley Ayre back to the school to reflect on recent school developments and to go into classes and see the teachers and children. Ashley was very impressed with all the enthusiastic and happy children, he was particularly impressed with their rugby skills.

Ofsted Report

The school has received the draft report for a factual check. This has now been completed and submitted back to Ofsted. The report will now go through another round of proof reading before it's published. Hopefully this will be done next week—watch this space!



A message from your Chair of Governors

Governors are always so appreciative of the hard work of every one at the school. I want to say how much we are thankful for the significant amount of support and kindness given by parents, carers, the Friends and staff to our school. The school would be the poorer without you.

So - a very sincere thank you and long may it continue.

Best wishes
Ben Williams



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Sport Relief Sponsor
Forms have gone home.
Please let your class
teacher know if you have
not received one.

Sign up sheet for the 'Pedal All Day' is on the whiteboard at the school entrance.

Lunchtime Help needed

We are looking to appoint several Lunchtime Assistants to support the children with lunchtime. If you are interested in becoming part of the Swainswick Team please see Sarah O'Brien (School Business Manager).

We also have an advert on the BANES website

Driving along the lane...

Recently we have had reports of fast driving along the lane outside the school. We don't believe this to be by families of Swainswick School but please can we remind all drivers to drive carefully along the lane especially during drop off and pick up times.



Our amazing outside space

As you are aware we have invested lots of time and money in our outside area. We have a lovely 'Top Grass' area, 'Side Grass' area, Allotment, the Millstone and Playground.

We would love to use these areas more at lunchtime, however we don't currently have the capacity to supervise the playground and top grass regularly. We are looking to appoint more lunchtime help (see advert) but we are also looking for volunteers to offer outdoor lunchtime clubs. This could be on just one day or several.

Ideas for activities could include nature clubs, drama or games.

The Governors are also looking at how the school can fully develop the 'side grass' to make it a lovely, safe learning environment for the whole school.

If you are interested in volunteering some time during lunchtime please contact Sarah O'Brien (School Business Manager) via telephone, email or in person.

**Volunteers
Wanted**



'Friends of Swainswick' update

An extraordinary **£2,000** was raised at the Friends Feast & Fundraiser last week. Many parents bought tickets, cooked delicious curries, donated incredible prizes and supported on the night making it a huge success.

The Friends team want to thank all of you who helped and backed the night, including Mr Rouse on the bar and Daddy, Amadou Diagne, who played his beautiful Senegalese music for the crowd.

The next Friends Meeting is on **Tuesday 15th March at 8pm** at The Rose & Crown Pub in Larkhall.

Thanks you again, The Friends

Forest Fun

Apple Class and Hazel Class have had some great outdoor learning experiences and adventures this term. The journey to the woods has become a popular part of the afternoon- stomping and running through local fields to the beautiful garden. Once there, the children have opportunities to immerse themselves in den making, whittling, creating imaginative games and cooking over an open fire.

As you can imagine the ground is very wet underfoot at the moment- so would you please all check that you are sending your child into school with the appropriate clothing for outdoor play.

Friday Forest Fun takes place on a fortnightly basis, **the next Forest Fun will be on Friday 18th March.**

What to wear?

Children must come to school in school uniform and bring their forest school change of clothes in a bag—please name all clothing.

Clothing for forest fun must be appropriate for the weather and time of year.

We recommend: waterproofs, warm old clothes ('scruffs') and wellies (if they're not already in school). Depending on the temperature children may also need a hat and gloves.

