15th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

SIAMS Inspection

Last week the school were inspected on 8th March. The report normally takes approximately 3 weeks before the report is available to be published. Thank you to those parents who contributed to this day. We look forward to sharing the report with you.

PTA – Parents and Teachers Association

A steering group have met earlier this month regarding setting up a new PTA at our school. This is great news. We would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting on Monday 27th March at 6.15pm. This will be an opportunity for the Steering group to discuss what a PTA does and its role and the different roles that individuals will be taking on as part of this group.

Comic Relief – 17th March

At the start of this week, the children have asked me if they can have a dress down to raise money for this charity. The children can come dressed in non-school uniform on Friday 17th March for a donation to Comic Relief.

MDSA

We currently have two MDSA vacancies. Supporting the children at lunchtime is a vital role in the school day. If you feel that this is a role that you would be interested in or know of someone that would be, the advert and application form can be found at:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/mdsa-1318029?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y>

Swinpups – Fundraising

In my previous email I wrote to explain that school will be part of the Swinpup Art Trail. We have pledged to raise £500 for Julia’s House children’s hospice. We would really appreciate your support with this and shortly I will be asking the children for their ideas regarding some fundraising events over the coming terms. Our adopted Swinpup will be ours to design and after getting creative in the classroom, our 3D VIP (Very Important Pup!) will feature on this summer’s Big Dog Art Trail, alongside contemporary artists and high-profile exhibits in Swindon’s museums, libraries and leisure venues. When the trail ends in September our Swinpup will return to its forever home; a PAW-fect legacy to proudly display in our school.

After School Clubs:

Mrs Reynolds will be confirming with parents on Friday, if your child/ children have secured a place in the after school clubs for Term 5.

In Term 5 the clubs will start in the first week.

These will finish at the following times:

Monday - Football – Yrs. 2 3 4 -4.20pm

 Multi-sports Reception and Year 1 - 4.20pm

Tuesday – Football Year 5 and 6 - 4.20pm

 Science Yrs 1-6– 4.20pm

Wednesday – Art Club Yrs 1-6 - 4.20pm

Thursday – Choir Yrs 3-6- 4.10pm

Friday – Martial Arts Yrs 1-6 - 2.25pm

KS1 Free School Meals.

All children in EYFS and KS1 receive a free meal each day. This is called a Universal free school meal and is part of a government initiative. If you feel that you meet the requirements for benefit related free school meals, it is important that you apply for this, even though they already have a dinner supplied, free of charge. You can make this application at any time throughout KS1.This entitlement stops in Year 3. You need to make the application through Swindon Borough Council.

If your child is in KS2 and you feel that this applies, you can also make the application for free school meals.

<https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals>

Young Carers

Swindon Carers Centre is a charitable organisation, which is part of the Carers Trust Network, established to provide help and support to the 21,000 unpaid carers in Swindon.

To access this support, part of the criteria that a young person needs to meet is:

* Aged 5 to 17 years old,
* Caring or helping to care for a family member(s),
* Live in Swindon.

If you feel that your child is a young carer then please contact the school and we can support with a referral to this organisation.

Website

Our new website is now live and can be found on:

<https://www.stleonardsblunsdon.org.uk/>

Please take some time to look at the different drop downs, so that you are able to find the information that you require. If there is something that you cannot find then please email in to the school and we will support you with finding the correct information.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Warburton

TD Days for this academic year

3rd July 2023

Dates

30th March at 3pm - Open afternoon

31st March 2023 – End of Term

17th April – Start of Term 5

1st May – Bank Holiday

8th May – Bank Holiday – King’s Coronation

KS1 (Year 2) SAT’s – May

KS2 (Year 6 ) SAT’s – 9th – 12th May (The school will run a Breakfast Club this week, free of charge) The dates that the SAT’s must be taken are set nationally and the school must follow the timetable provided.