



# Newsletter

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Our whole school value this half term is  
*Respect*

In Collective Worship this week, we looked at the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle and how we can do this (healthy diet, healthy mind, exercise, healthy relationships).

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

The school gates open at  
8.30am. The whistle blows  
at 8.40am.

Minutes Late Each Day	Number of School Days/Weeks Missed in a Year
If you are late by the number of minutes below each and every day...	... this is how much learning time you will have missed, by the end of the year.
5 minutes	3 school days
10 minutes	6.5 school days
15 minutes	10 school days
20 minutes	13 school days
30 minutes	19 school days

Attendance really does matter and so does being on time each day. Have a look at the table to see how being 'only a few minutes late each day' really affects your child's education. It all adds up! Mrs. Reading leads on attendance at our school. If you need any support, please get in touch.



*The Lower Phase have Phonics lessons at 8.50am every day. If your child is late each day then they are missing an important part in the teaching of Reading.  
Consider the impact that is having on their progress in Reading.*

*Upcoming  
dates...*

**DONATE NOW**

Has your child grown out of their school shoes?  
Are you buying new school shoes this Easter?  
Do the used shoes still have some life left in them?



If you have any school shoes at home that you no longer need, we would be grateful of any donations. Next term we'd like to invite parents and carers to a Used Shoe Sale. Please pass any donations of preloved school shoes to the School Office.

Monday 8th April

Start of Summer  
Term -School open  
to all pupils

Friday 12th April

Outstanding Learner  
Assembly -invite only  
2.30pm

### Attendance Matters

At Swan Lane First School  
The class with the highest  
attendance this week is...



CLASS 4C

Bronze leaf -1 point  
CLASS 2B



*Resilience*

*Curiosity*

*Compassion*

*Respect*

*Loyalty*

The Year 5 pupils have been on their 3 day residential to Bell Heath this week. They have had a truly wonderful time although everyone is ready for a 2 week rest now! Photos to come on the next Newsletter...



This week we took delivery of £12,000 of new library books for our library. The library and the Reading Cabin will be opening soon... watch this space!



Thank you to those that have followed the one way system around the school when collecting their children. Some of the paths are narrow and if we all travel in the same direction it makes for a much smoother home time and we can all leave the site quickly and safely.

### BOOKS TOGETHER A course for parents and carers

#### Rainbows and Recipes

This half term, Penny Kelly, our Family Learning Tutor has been working with some of our parents and their children. The group have met each Thursday in school and enjoyed some fun food activities together.

Our next course will be Books Together for parents in Years 2 and 3. Places are limited so please let us know if you'd like to attend.



Year 2 went on a trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park this week. Whilst they were there they saw giraffes, rhinos, lions and an anaconda that had shed its skin. The penguins and meerkats were a firm favourite with the children. A fabulous day was had by all!



Year 3 have had a fabulous time at Forest School this half term. They've made a 3D map of Forest School, built a stone age den and learnt how to use a saw safely!



*On Thursday our newly selected Core Value winners went to a tea party with Mrs. Pearce-King to celebrate. They had been chosen by their class teachers for demonstrating our value of Respect. Well done! We are very proud of you all!*