



STEPHENSON WAY ACADEMY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

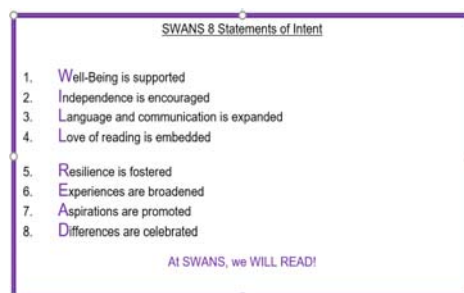
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Summer 2 Newsletter 4 (Week Ending 21.07.2022)

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to our final newsletter of the year. After a very busy half term, we are finally ready to enjoy the summer holidays and have a well-earned rest! There have been some fabulous events going on in school this half term; here is a quick round up...



SEND coffee morning:

After the great success of our first coffee event, we were delighted to host our second coffee morning and raffle for parents and carers of children who have SEND. Thank you to everyone who came along!

Trips and visits:

After over 2 years of not being able to go out on trips and visits, we have been so excited to get out and about again! Trips have included a train ride to the seaside in Saltburn, a trip to the Hancock museum, Hall Hill Farm and Souter Lighthouse. The children have been incredible on all trips and represent our school beautifully every time!

Sports Days/ Staff v Children

We enjoyed welcoming parents and carers back to watch our sports days this year and despite a few postponed dates due to yet more rain, we managed to hold all events successfully. Again, thank you for your support in cheering your children on! Our staff v children events have been another great success (of course, the teachers won!)

The Lion King:

A personal highlight for me this year has been the Y6 production of The Lion King. I was absolutely amazed at the sheer talent of the children involved and couldn't have been more proud! I was especially impressed by Miss Whitfield's portrayal of Scar...typecast??! Thanks to all the staff who worked so hard to rehearse and produce such a wonderful show!

Y6 Sleepover

Last week Y6 enjoyed a brilliant sleepover to celebrate the end of their time here at SWANS. They enjoyed a great outdoor activity run by Chris from Thrills and Skills, followed by a giant sleepover in the hall / classrooms! Again, huge thanks to all the staff who gave up part of their weekend to accompany the children (and make bacon sandwiches for breakfast!)

Graduation and Leaver's Celebrations

This year, we have raised funds through the sale of graduation photos, to buy our very own graduation caps and gowns. Nursery, Reception and Year 2 have made us so proud in their graduation ceremonies this week! Year 6 returned to school on Wednesday evening to enjoy their leavers assembly, we really will be sad to see them go.



School Dog:

Our School Council members requested that we have a SWANS school dog in the new academic year. This is a venture I have wanted to introduce since my arrival as Headteacher at SWANS and now is the right time. My dog, Fraser, is a fully trained, hypoallergenic cockapoo who will be a 'listening dog' in school. He will hear children read and help reward good behaviour! Several schools in our Tudhoe Learning Trust have benefited from having a school dog and we think he will be a wonderful addition to our team.

Parents will be asked to ensure they let us know via the new data collection packs in September if there are any issues regarding allergies. If anyone wishes to discuss any aspect of having a school dog, please contact me directly.

Welcome!

We will be welcoming 2 new staff members to the team in September. Miss Reynolds (another one!) will be joining the Reception and EYs team as an Apprentice Teaching Assistant. Miss Finn will be working as part of the Year 4 team as a class teacher. We welcome them both!

...and goodbye ☹

Sadly for us, we will be waving goodbye and wishing lots of luck to Mrs Mawson, who will be leaving us for pastures new at the end of this week. After 19 years, Mrs Mawson is one of longest standing staff members and she will be greatly missed by us all. I know you will join me in wishing her every success in the future.

Attendance and absence

New attendance procedures will come into force in September 2022. Information will be included in the new data packs, which will be sent out for completion when we return to school.

Safeguarding and Online Safety

Please ensure you have helped your child to secure their set privacy settings etc and that they know how to stay safe online, especially around the use of social media.

Please look at the NSPCC website for further information on how to keep your children safe online

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>. There are also lots of useful links on our school website www.stephensonway.co.uk under our Safeguarding section.

Uniform

If you need new uniform this can be ordered directly from www.elizabethsembroidery.co.uk.

We do have some PE T shirts available to buy from the school office at £3 each.

Jewellery and earrings must be removed for PE and swimming, staff are unable to assist with removal of earrings.

Change in circumstances via Arbor

You should now log in to Arbor (log in details sent to you last term) to make changes to address/ phone number/ email. Arbor will then notify the school office of any changes made and we will authorise them. If you have any problems, please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

Please do NOT use the Class Dojo to inform us of any changes to personal details (or absence)

If you wish to change school meal arrangements (moving to packed lunch), we require a form available from the office and 1 week's notice, please.

And finally...

I would like to wish all pupils, parents, governors and staff a wonderful summer holiday. It has been another extremely positive year for SWANS, with many challenges and lots of fun!

I look forward to seeing you all again in September after a nice rest, when I shall be Mrs Dodds after getting married during the holidays!

Children return to school on Tuesday 6th September (school is closed for staff training on Monday 5th)

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Headteacher



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Term Dates 2022-2023

	Break up after school on	Return to school
Summer Term 2	Thursday 21 st July	Tuesday 6 th September 2022
Autumn 1	Thursday 20 th October	Monday 31 st October 2022
Autumn 2	Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Spring 1	Friday 17 th February 2023	Monday 27 th February 2023
Spring 2	Friday 31 st March 2023	Monday 17 th April 2023
	Friday 28 th April 2023 (Bank Holiday on Monday 1 st May)	Tuesday 2 nd May 2023
Summer 1	Thursday 25 th May 2023	Monday 5 th June 2023
Summer 2	Friday 21 st July 2023	Tuesday 5 th September 2023

PLEASE NOTE: School will be closed for 4 statutory staff training days on the following:

- Monday 5th September 2022
- Friday 21st October 2022
- Friday 2nd December 2022
- Friday 26th May 2023

Mrs Page ☺
Head Teacher



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at Work Award**
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