



Swans Newsletter

Class Teacher: Ms Andrews

Teaching Assistants: Miss Jones and Mrs Parton-Harris

Our Early Year's Vision is for all children to be happy, confident, independent, inquisitive and resilient learners.

Play, Stay & Chat sessions

These sessions are for parents to come along and talk to me about their child and how they have settled into school. They then have the opportunity to play with their child and join in an activity. Each chat lasts approximately 15mins. You're welcome to stay and play for as long as you're able. Sessions will be Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th October. Please sign up for a time on the signup sheet on the door if you haven't already done so. Thank you!

Lost property

Unfortunately there have already been some items of clothing go missing. We currently don't have any items of clothing in the classroom so could all parents please just double check they only have their own children's clothes at home? Thank you so much for your cooperation. Please can you name all items of your children's belongings that come to school to help us and your child make sure that all items are returned and make it home. Please name hats, gloves and scarves as the weather gets colder. We understand these items cost money and would very much like your children to bring their belongs home. We try our best to match unnamed items to children but we find it very hard to remember what belongs to all 30 children! Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Learning Journal

Thank you to those parents who returned the information I asked for in the letter sent home last week. I apologise for the confusion with the date. No I'm not psychic and pre-empted parents unable to attend... The workshop had been the previous week in September! Thank you for your understanding 😊

Dates for your calendar

Toys party – Friday 26th October. More info to follow.

Last day of Term – Friday 26th October

Please Remember...

PE kit for Monday morning – children are encouraged to dress and undress themselves so please make sure they are wearing uniform and shoes that they can easily put on and take off by themselves. Laced shoes should only be worn if children can do them up by themselves.

The door opens at **8:50am** and is shut at **9am**. Please arrive on time to allow your child time to follow the morning routine and feel settled and organised for the day ahead.

The Swans class blog will be updated every week so don't forget to take a look to find out what your children have been up to during the week.

...Don't Forget

**This week in the Foundation Stage we would like your child to be a
STICKOSAURUS**

Being involved and concentrating;

- I can keep focused on my activity for a period of time.
- I am able to show high levels of energy and fascination.
- I am able to pay attention to detail.
- I am not easily distracted.

Selfie Homework

Send me a selfie! You can email me the photo straight from your phone or you can print the selfie yourself and hand it in!

My email address is chatter@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk

The homework is to be in by Friday 12th October.

This week the Selfie Homework is 'I can move my body like this...'

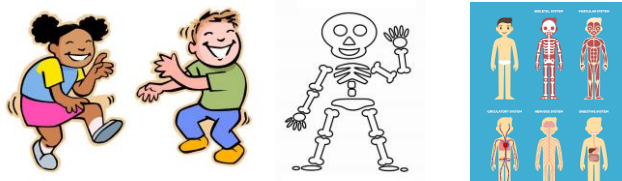
Take a picture of your child moving their body. Be creative! Children are expected to talk about their selfie homework photo so please talk with your child about the selfie that is taken so they are able to talk about it at school! Thank you! Be creative and have fun!

How you can help your child at home

- Please play games with your children like snap, dominoes, bingo, pairs etc as this helps them build up good cooperation skills and some number skills like recognising numbers on a dice without counting them. This is called subitising.
- Please share books together and read them stories, this helps build up vocabulary and will help with their reading once we start sending reading books home.
- Practice writing their names, holding the pencil correctly using a tripod grip and correct letter formation.
- Practice getting dressed and undressed including buttons, zips and laces.

Thank you for your cooperation.

This half term in the Foundation Stage we are learning all about ourselves. The next two weeks our focus is 'Our bodies and how they move/ work'



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