

WELCOME BACK

A week in and it's like we've never been away! All the children have settled in to their new year groups very well. It has been fantastic to have everyone in school being able to socialise together again. The first Assembly felt quite emotional as we came together in the hall—we had forgotten what a special part of school life it is! This week we have been focusing on the Olympic and Paralympic values and KS1 and KS2 had a wonderful afternoon of sport where they could demonstrate their understanding of these values.



Hello, I'm Helen Alvarez. I was appointed as **Wellbeing and Inclusion Coordinator** just before the summer holiday. My role amongst other things is to help children understand how to stay emotionally healthy and well. I will be supporting groups of children as well as specific children and families who may need wellbeing or emotional support. I have worked in the area of Wellbeing for the past 3 years and before that I was a Teaching Assistant and before that a nurse. I feel very strongly that skills and strategies learned at an early age are absolutely skills for life. This has never been more important than now—there are times when we could all do with a little help! Please email if you would like to contact me with any concerns or questions or enquiries. Although it is a Swaffham Prior email address, I will be dividing my time between the two schools. I can also be contacted via the school main phone number. I am often in the playground or by the gate at the start of the day and happy to say hello. I am really excited about my new role; everyone has been so welcoming.

Wellbeing@swaffhamprior.cambs.sch.uk

Covid Guidance

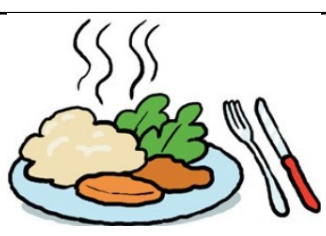
If you have any of the following symptoms, you must take a PCR test: high temperature, continuous cough, loss of taste & smell and isolate until confirmation of a negative result.

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, **Children do NOT need to self-isolate.** However, even if they do not have symptoms, they should still take a [PCR test on GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/pcr-test) to check if they have COVID 19

Office Admin

Lunches

Please remember to book your child's school dinners on Parent Pay by midnight each Tuesday for the following week. You can also book ahead for subsequent weeks.



This is to enable our kitchen staff to order and cook the right amount of food so they can reduce wastage.

Change of Contact Details

If you have changed phone numbers, email addresses or even home address, please inform the office.

Medical Updates

It is vitally important that staff have any new information. Please let the lovely people in the office know asap.

Absences

Again, please inform the office directly of any absences as early as possible on each day your child is absent.

Appointments

Keep the office up to date about medical appointments. It is a legal requirement that we ask for evidence of these.

Key Dates

- 4.10.21 Reception & Year 1 Vision Checks
- 15.10.21 Year 1 and 2 Duxford Trip
- 22.10.21 INSET Day
- 25—29.10.21 Half term
- 1.11.21 INSET Day
- 1.11.21 Parent Consultations during this week
- 2.11.21 Year 5 & 6 Bikeability
- 4.11.21 Year 3 & 4 West Stow Trip
- 11.11.21 Flu Vaccinations—whole school
- 12.11.21 Year 4 Bikeability
- 20.12.21—4.1.21 Christmas Holiday



This week, our peripatetic music teachers have been visiting classes to introduce children to the instruments they teach.

Hugh Boyd, our guitar and ukulele teacher, would like to run an lunch time ukulele club as well as guitar and ukulele lessons during the school day. Please let us know if you are interested so we can plan for this.



Anita Dawson will be teaching recorders and woodwind (clarinet and saxophone etc.)

Andrea Dunton is offering flute lessons.

Paul Garner will be teaching brass lessons and Ben Piper will be teaching drum lessons.

We are also able to offer piano lessons.

Please contact the school office if you would like your child to have any music lessons.



VOLUNTEER



Classroom Help, Governors and PSA

The school couldn't run without all the marvellous support we receive from the community. Now that we are allowed visitors back in school, we would love to have some help in school, especially listening to children read. Please let us know if you are able to offer some time. We are also recruiting new Governors, and the school PSA is always looking for new recruits. Please contact the school office for details about volunteering in any of these ways.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to our Pool Carers

Daniel Porter, Rachel March, Jude Griffiths, Jenny Bridgeman and Simon Rash.

Thank you to our AMAZING Pool Carers who have kept the pool running all through the holidays! Due to their commitment, the pool is going to remain open for as long as possible this month. Looking ahead to next year, please speak to the current pool carers if you think you may be able to help.



Stranger Danger—Do you know who your children are talking to online?

What do your children like to do online? Watch videos? Post pictures? Play games? Whatever they like doing, if they use the internet they might have met people online who want to chat.

They might leave comments on their posts or request to be their friend or follower. Maybe they say they live nearby or like the same music. It's easy to lie online.

Top Tips: Make sure you are aware of what they are doing. Always ensure you have access to their devices but most importantly, talk to your children and make them aware of the issue.

Welcome to Mrs Sultana who will be supporting the children in Doves, Robins and Wrens.

Nursery

Children aged 3 and up can join the Wrens and Robins EYFS Class. The Nursery children can attend from 8.45 to 11.45 daily for 15 funded hours. It is a great opportunity for them to make a smooth transition from a nursery setting to school as well as to make new friends. There are a few spaces available. Contact the school office to arrange taster sessions.