

# Apple Class Nursery News Autumn 1

## Meet the Apple Class Team



Mrs Farrar is our class teacher. She teaches us every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs Tate teaches in Apple every Friday.

Kerry and Maja are our fabulous assistants who work and play with us every day.

## Important Details to keep Apple Class running smoothly!



- We open the gates at 08.45. The morning session runs from 08.45 – 11.45. The afternoon session runs from 12.00 – 15.00.
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle everyday.
- It is extremely important to name ALL clothing. In particular, shoes and cardigans/jumpers. These get misplaced easily and without names staff cannot find them easily.
- Please remember to book your child's lunch (even if they are having a packed lunch!)

## Parent Consultations

We will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development on two different occasions throughout the year. You will receive further communication about these nearer the time. If, in the meantime, you have an urgent concern you wish to discuss, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Online Learning Journal

In Apple Class, we use an online learning journal by 'School 360.' If you haven't used this before, it is an online learning journal which allows us to share observations from school, to celebrate your children's milestones in their learning and development, as well as suggested activities to do at home.

School 360 can be accessed online or via an app, if you wish to download it.

You can also upload your own photos and descriptions of exciting things that have happened at home and we will enjoy sharing these in school with the other children.

For those of you who are new to Swansfield this year, we'll send out details of how you can download and get started with this app.

## Apple Class Weekly Blog

Every Friday we will share an Apple Class blog with you. The blog will inform you of all of the exciting things we have learnt during the week, as well as new vocabulary, which you can reinforce at home!

It will also include important information, diary dates and things to remember.

This will be accompanied by photographs, taken throughout the week, to really showcase the wonderful things we get up into in Apple!

On a Friday the blog will be sent to you via email, this will just be the written text and not the photographs.

To access the whole blog including photographs, you will need to go onto our school website 'Swansfield Park Primary School.' Then, select 'classes,' and then select 'Apple Class.'

The blog creates a perfect opportunity for you to engage in your child's learning at home, by having conversations around the great things they've been up to during the week!

## Gold Star Award

This year we will be introducing our new "Gold Star Award."

This award recognises positive behaviour and is a little note to inform you on when your child has been on Gold Star in Apple Class.

# Shared Learning



As parents and carers, we value the key role that you play in your child's education and we are committed to working in partnership with you to ensure the best outcomes for your children.


As a part of this collaboration, we will have a home/school project each half term.

As this half term progresses, we will be finding out about each other. As part of our topic 'Marvellous Me,' we would love to get to know everyone by sharing how unique we are! We ask that each child brings in a poster full of information about them.

This could include photos of them and the special people in their life. It could include their birthday, interesting facts, their favourite things to play with, their favourite colour, their favourite foods, this list is endless! It's totally up to you how creative you want to be.

We will share the posters in group sessions to learn about each other before creative a display in the classroom. In addition to the poster, please do encourage your child to bring in leaves, conkers, acorns, pine cones and twigs, for our Autumn display.

## Mystery Readers WANTED! Shhh.. it's a secret!



### WHO?

Mystery Readers can be parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, or anyone else that is a special part of the child's life.

They secretly sign up to come in and read a story aloud to the class. The child won't know you're coming until you arrive!

### WHY?

Children LOVE having their family and relatives visit our classroom to share in their learning by reading a favourite story.

### WHAT?

Mystery readers can bring a book from home or read a teacher chosen book from our library.

### WHEN?

Please email Ms Farrar to arrange a date!

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