

NEWS IN PEAR AND PLUM



A note from the Pear and Plum team:

We hope you have had a fantastic summer with your families and are ready for the new school year ahead. We would also like to offer a warm welcome to those families who are new to our school and will be enjoying their first school year here with us .



If there is going to be any changes to the usual pick up/drop off routines, or if your child is going to TiC Tok, please let a member of staff know as we cannot allow children to leave without prior consent.

Reminders:

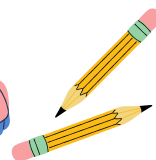
Please could we ask that the children bring in a named book bag and a named water bottle to school every day!

Please remember that water bottles should only contain water and not juice, fizzy pop etc

Every child **MUST** have a pair of wellies in school.

As September normally provides us with some sunshine, please remember to bring in a named sun hat and sun cream everyday! These can be kept in children's drawers.

When the weather begins to turn cold, could you please ensure that your child has a coat, hat, scarf and preferably a pair of mittens rather than gloves. It is incredibly helpful to us if all clothing, shoes and wellies are named!



Attention parents/carers:

When dropping off your child, we invite you to come into the classroom to help your child with their morning challenge and to support them with settling in for the day. Although the mornings can be tricky for some children, we find that separation from parents often works better if drop off is swift and you leave the children in the caring and safe hands of school staff. This allows them to get started with their day.

Stay in touch :

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



Pear class:

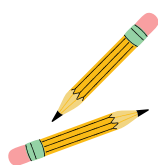
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Plum class:

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Homework:



As part of our mini unit, to help get to know our children better, we would like you to **bring in a family photograph the week commencing 11.9.23**. If you don't have access to a printer, please email your class teacher and they will print for you. We will be using their photographs to support learning activities in the classroom.

Secret reader:



You may have heard of secret reader before, but if not, don't worry! What is secret reader I hear you ask?

Here at Swansfield Park, we use secret reader as a way to excite and enthuse children's love of reading. We invite parents/carers into school to read a story to their child's class at the end of the day.

If you are interested in sharing a story with a class, we would love you to put your name down on the sign up sheet available on your child's class noticeboard (coming soon). We would really encourage you to give this a go as children LOVE to listen to other people read and get so excited to find out who the secret reader is going to be at the end of the day!

Before signing up, please bare with us whilst we establish suitable days to host secret reader.

Upcoming events:

Individual photographs- 18.9.23 and 20.9.23

Introduction to RWI for Reception and Year 1 parents- week commencing 18.9.23

Visit from Pearl of Africa- 22.9.23

KS1 Aln Valley Trip- 2.10.23

Plum class family lunch- 11.10.23

Flu Immunisations- 13.10.23

Harvest festival- 18.10.23

FOSP Halloween Disco- 20.10.23

Online learning journey

The online journal is our way of recording your child's development and journey from Nursery through to the end of their Reception year. It includes photographs and observations of significant moments during their time with us which link to the Early Years Curriculum that we follow. It would be extremely helpful if you could occasionally upload any 'wow' developmental moments at home so that we are able to see learning opportunities in your child's home context as well as at school. You will notice this year that there will be less observations throughout the year. In Reception a lot of our learning is recorded in our work books, so we will only upload observations that we feel are developmentally significant or to share with you special moments in class.

If you haven't already done so, please take time looking at the Swansfield Park website, it is a great way of finding out information. More specifically, if you go on to 'class pages' and select your child's class, you will find all the learning that has taken place over the past week. This is where we will share photos and captions with all of the wonderful things we have been up to on a weekly basis.

