

Even Swindon's Fortnightly Update

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Term 4. It's hard to believe we are already half way through the school year, although the lighter mornings and evenings are certainly helping to make us all feel a bit more spring like. This term brings lots of great events and fun activities for the children. We have already had a music roadshow last week and the next few weeks will include World Book Day, Easter Disco's, Women in STEM workshops (Years 5 and 6), Science Assemblies, Year 3 trips to Avebury and Year 4 trips to Coleshill. Please look out for regular notices and the calendar within this newsletter and on the school website.

We have a few projects in the school grounds that have been started including an increased focus on play activities for the children during lunchtimes; OPAL. You may have seen photographs of the children playing with large cardboard boxes (they love them), chalk markings on the playground and the requests we have sent out for dressing up clothes and old luggage. Mr Rouse and Mr Collins have revamped the school allotment with new sleeper beds and the children are loving preparing the ground planting and picking the school daffodils.

As part of our focus on lunchtimes and Reading we have decided to **adapt our older minibus into a Reading Bus** for the children. **Can you help with this? Do you have any contacts for us?** We are looking for the bus to have a refit inside with some of the seats removed, new carpet laying, some curtains and bespoke book cases built. We are also looking for contacts who would be able to respray the minibus and then some artist work on the side to name the bus and give the bus a reading theme. We know that some of our parents are artists and we would love to hear from you. We do have a budget for this refurbishment and so if you have any contacts please email Mrs Lowe on head@evenswindon.co.uk. We are looking to have the work completed in the next few months. Thank you for your support.

We have opportunities for parents in Reception and Years 3 and 4 to be involved in maths workshops at the end of this term and into Term 5; information has been sent out. This is grant funding where we can support you and your child with maths, provide you with maths games, during the sessions there will be refreshments for you and your child and also goodies to take away each week. Please sign up via the Operoo form sent out last week. We are looking to extend this to other year groups during the year and into next year.

We look forward to a wonderful term 4.

Mrs Lowe

TD Days for 2023/2024

School will be closed to pupils on the followings days:

Monday 3rd June 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Safeguarding Information



Safeguarding Contact Information:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Alison Lowe - head@evenswindon.co.uk

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Just before half term it was Safer Internet Day. This is a day where people all over the world stop and really think about keeping safe online.

Over the week the children and teachers explored the dangers that can arise from using the internet and what they can do to protect themselves. The children have created posters and podcasts in their class and some of these were shared on Instagram by their

class teacher. It would be great if you could ask your child to explain what they did and look at the work that the class has produced.

One thing that has come up during are chats with the children is the games and apps that they use at home. I thought I would use Internet safety day to just share this information with you.

Game or app	Age rating	Game or app	Age rating
	What age rating is What The app is rated 16+.		TikTok is a video-sharing platform where you can watch and create videos, and livestream. The app has an age-rating of 13+.
	18+		Fortnite holds a rating of 12+ from PEGI

Age restrictions are really important as they help to guide us and keep our children safe. There is lots of information out there about the age restrictions on games.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> offers useful links for parents and carers who may have concerns about the safety of their child online.

[Have a conversation | Childnet](#) has a really useful guide for parents and carers about how to have conversations with children and young people.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/> has a whole selection of blogs written specifically for parents and carers about online safety themes.

If you need any help or advice, please ask any member of staff who will be able to point you in the right direction.

Half term Reading Challenge!



After holding our reading den challenge over half term, this week the children who entered the competition have received their brand new books or magazines! It was really lovely to see so many children take part in the half-term fun and we had a fantastic range of reading materials to give out. We look forward to seeing you for World Book Day on March 7th, where we will be putting both our den-building skills and our reading skills into action!



Wellbeing Week

During Wellbeing Week in Nurture Room, the children decorated rocks with a picture of something that makes them happy.



Work Experience

A number of our former pupils have come full circle by returning to Even Swindon for their Year 10 work experience! We applaud their enthusiasm and commend them for showcasing the valuable skills cultivated in our school and then further on in their education journey at Commonweal School.

They all had a positive impact in the classrooms they worked in and the children loved having them work in their class and made them feel very welcome.



Reminder - Tuck Shop

A reminder that Tuck Shop is running on the following days:

Tuesday - Years 5 & 6

Thursday - Years 3 & 4

All items are 50p, please bring no more than £1.



Reminder - PE Kit - Term 4

Dear parents and guardians,

As stated in previous communications we will be changing the arrangements for PE kit from the beginning of Term 4. Children are asked to wear their school uniform every day to school and to have their PE kit in school in a drawstring bag so that they can get changed in school on PE days.

Please label your child's PE kit and bag with their name. We will send the PE kits home for washing as required or you can ask your children to bring them home each week on a Friday if you would prefer, however we would ask that the kit is returned to school Monday of the following week.

- Shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms – Black or navy.
 - T-shirt – House colours.
 - School jumper – Navy.
 - Plimsolls or trainers.
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Comic Relief - Friday 15th March

Pupils are invited to come into school on Friday 15th March wearing something red or something that makes them happy. Donations welcome for Comic Relief using the Parentpay link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13957>



Upcoming parents' evenings

Please make a note in your diaries that Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 25th March and Wednesday 27th March. More information to follow.

Reception Maths Workshop and Stay and Play session

On Tuesday 26th March, Reception will be holding a Maths Workshop for Parents followed by a stay and play session where you can join your child in their continuous provision to see Maths in action! This will be held in the Brunel Hall from 2.15-3pm.



Book Breakfast

This is a reminder that on Wednesday 27th March, we will be hosting our book breakfast specifically for female role models in the family and so mums, aunties, grandmas and other special women in your children's lives are welcome to come to the session.

The sign-up form will be emailed out on Friday 8th March and will close on Friday 15th. There are 50 spaces available and are usually booked up quickly so please look out for it!

Wanted - School Uniform

We would be very grateful to receive any outgrown uniform that you have at home, in ages 4-6, to use as spares in our Reception classes. Thank you.



Wraparound Programme Survey

The Local Authority needs to complete mapping of demand for places across Swindon Borough for school aged children from Reception to Year 6. The survey results will be used to inform the Local Authority delivery plan for the Wraparound Programme. We would be grateful if you could click on the attached link and complete the survey by Sunday 10th March.

[Wraparound Parent/Carer Survey \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

Celebration Assembly - Year 5 & 6 - 23rd February

Acknowledgment of achievements outside of school

Today we have Kieran with a certificate for 'Warrior of the Week' in Martial Arts, Amelia with a certificate from the Little Princess Trust after donating her hair, Bea with 6 dance medals and a trophy and Billie with 10 medals following their participation in the Exeter Dance Competition during half-term. Congratulations to all of you!



Celebration Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4 - 1st March



In no particular order, here we have Elodie with a certificate for swimming, Elsie, Aaliyah and Scarlett with certificates for gymnastics, Cassie with a medal for coming 3rd out of 20 gymnasts in a competition in Newbury, Mira with a certificate for her dancing, Eliza with a Bronze swimming award, Hendrix and Archie with the white belts in Jiu jitsu, Cody with a medal for trainer of the week, PJ with a trophy for being 'Man of the Match', Louie for being 'Man of the Match' and also an award for his Karate, Ogo with an award for mixed martial arts, Hadi, Rueben, Mariana, Finley, Olivier and Divine for winning in the schools times tables competition, Rakim with an Amber swimming certificate and Jathavi with a trophy for her Tamil language skills in Year 2.

In the second photo we have Toby, Clara, Aarish, Jose, Jackson and Mia who also took part and won in the Times table schools competition (they weren't available when we took the first photo). Such a lot of talent. Congratulations to all of you!

Click here to meet Even Swindon's PTA-let us know if you'd like to be involved.

Please click to view calendar on the school website or see images below:

March School Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 📅 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4
4	5	6 📅 Signal Box local walk	7 📅 World Book Day	8 📅 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and Signal Box
11	12 📅 Women in STEM Workshop Years 5 & 6.	13 📅 Signal Box local walk	14 📅 Primary Science Assemblies	15 📅 Comic Relief - Red Nose Day 📅 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 5 and 6
18	19 📅 Year 3 Avebury Trip Group 1	20 📅 Signal Box local walk Year 3 Avebury Trip Group 2	21	22 📅 Year 4 Tiverton Class Coleshill Trip 📅 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4
25 📅 Year 4 Bristol Class Coleshill Trip 11:00: Swindon Music Service Percussion Workshop	26	27 📅 Signal Box local walk Year 4 Taunton Class Coleshill Trip	28	29 📅 BANK HOLIDAY

April School Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 📅 BANK HOLIDAY	2 📅 School holiday	3 📅 School holiday	4 📅 School holiday	5 📅 School holiday
8 📅 School holiday	9 📅 School holiday	10 📅 School holiday	11 📅 School holiday	12 📅 School holiday
15 📅 Return to school	16	17 📅 Signal Box local walk	18	19 09:00: Celebration 📅 Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and Signal Box
22	23	24 📅 Signal Box local walk 📅 Year 4 to Hampton Court	25	26 09:00: Celebration 📅 Assembly - Years 5 and 6
29	30			




EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

2nd - 5th April & 8th - 12th April 2024

To book a place at our holiday club where lots of fun and laughter awaits, please visit our website to secure your place.





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Easter: 2nd - 12th April 24
Whitsun: 28th - 31st May 24

Age: 5- 11 08:45-16:15 £20.99 Per Day

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Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

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