

# NEWSLETTER

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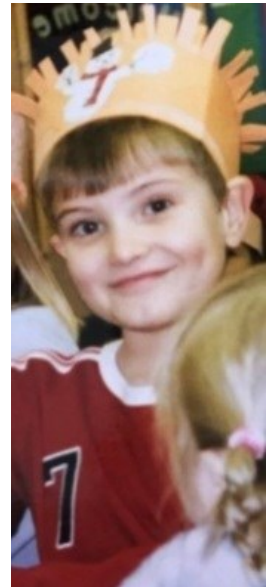
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## Support from our school community



All of the staff at Swain House Primary School have been overwhelmed by the support we have received from parents and members of the community since the devastating news that Mr North passed away last week.

We would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to you all for your kind words, cards, messages, flowers and gifts. Also, just the smiles or hugs on the playground have also been very much appreciated.



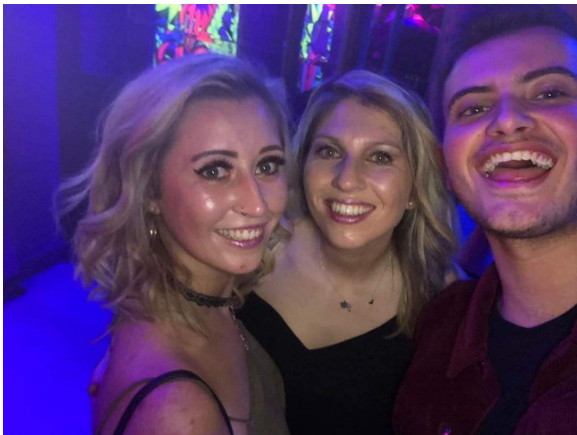
Mr North started his own school journey here at Swain House Primary School when he was just 3 years old and then returned to join us a teacher in 2017.



He was a Year 5, Year 2 and most recently our Reception class teacher working in Elm class. He was an amazing teacher who was passionate about teaching and loved working here at Swain House Primary School. In September 2022, we were delighted that Mr North was promoted to be our Early Years Leader. He was also a Governor at school and enjoyed his role on Friends of Swain House, organising discos, school fairs and other fundraising events.



As well as being a colleague to us all here at Swain House, he was also our friend and a huge part of our everyday lives. We will miss him dearly, but we will always remember his smile, infectious laugh and being the first one on the karaoke on any staff night out!



We have made a Book of Condolence, for parents, which will be in the main entrance if you would like to write some words. We will be giving this, along with a staff Book of Condolence, to Mr North's family.



## Message from Mr North's family

**Mr North's family also wanted to send a message to all parents, carers and children.**

We have been deeply moved by all the loving messages, cards and flowers we have received, as these beautiful gestures have been a reflection of the light that Mr North cast on all of our lives. We are incredibly proud to hear of the impact he had on the children and the school. We would also like to send our sincerest thanks for the kindness and support we have received from Mr North's colleagues.



# Reading planet reviews!

As part of our Key Stage 2 reading scheme, we would like to use our weekly newsletter to help promote and share some of your children's favourite stories that they have read. Each week, we will be sharing book reviews that have been written by your children. Hopefully these reviews will inspire our children to read one of the books when they choose their next one.

**Noah—Anne fine class**

**Leo's Map of Monsters - The Armoured Goretusk -Mercury**



I loved reading this book! I liked the illustrations, they helped to tell the story. It's about a boy who gets picked to do a top-secret job. He goes into a forest and ends up protecting the village he lives in from monsters but at the same time he protects the monsters from the village! Have a go at reading this book - It is great and it has a happy ending!

**Click the icon to see regular updates on our Facebook page!**



# Weekly updates

## Attendance and Punctuality

Here are this week's attendance and punctuality figures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and it is therefore very important that your child attends school and is on time unless they are too unwell to do so. Our doors open at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**.

Please see the information below for our whole school and class attendance for the week ending **20/10/23**.

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

| CLASS     | PERCENTAGE % | LATES |
|-----------|--------------|-------|
| Elm       | 100%         | 3     |
| Willow    | 96.7%        | 1     |
| Kandinsky | 95.9%        | 3     |
| Matisse   | 93.3%        | 5     |
| Lowry     | 98.3%        | 1     |
| Van Gogh  | 95.5%        | 1     |

### Key Stage 2:

| CLASS      | PERCENTAGE % | LATES |
|------------|--------------|-------|
| Anne Fine  | 95.3%        | 2     |
| Roald Dahl | 92.5%        | 3     |
| JK Rowling | 92.9%        | 3     |
| J Wilson   | 94.1%        | 3     |
| Elgar      | 92.3%        | 2     |
| Mozart     | 96.9%        | 4     |
| Beethoven  | 96.2%        | 1     |
| Vivaldi    | 94.3%        | 2     |

Congratulations to **Anne Fine Class, Roald Dahl Class, Elgar Class, Mozart Class, Beethoven Class and Vivaldi Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Our whole school attendance this week:

**95.3%**

## Communication since the last newsletter

These are the letters, messages and website updates that have been sent out this week. If you have not received any of these letters, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office on **01274 639049**.

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Website Updates:         | National Online Safety - EA Sports FC   |
| Letters:                 | 14/11/2023—Lexia<br>14/11/2023—Y6 visit to st Cuthbert<br>15//11/2023—Christmas Craft Session |
| Messages via parentapps: |   |

# MENU 06/11/23

|  <b>Swain House Primary School</b>  |  | <b>WEEK 1</b>  |   |  |   | <b>30th Oct, 20th Nov,<br/>11th Dec, 1st Jan,<br/>22nd Jan, 4th Mar</b>   |   |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|
|  |  | MON  | TUES  | WED  | THUR  | FRI   |   |
| <b>MAINS</b>   |  |  Mascarpone Pasta<br> Spaghetti Marinara<br> Vegetable Pasty  |  Mild Chicken Curry<br> Halal Chicken Doplaza<br> Aloo Chana |  Roast of the Day<br> Halal Chicken Roll<br> Cheese & Broccoli Quiche   |  Cheese & Tomato Pizza  |  Fish Fingers<br> Southern Fried Quorn Burger   |   |
| <b>SIDES</b>   |  |  Crusty Bread<br> Spaghetti Hoops<br> Seasonal Vegetables<br> Assorted Individual Salads |  Rice<br> Naan Bread<br> Assorted Individual Salads          |  Dry Roast Potatoes<br> Yorkshire Pudding<br> Seasonal Vegetables<br> Assorted Individual Salads |  Chips<br> Baked Beans<br> Assorted Individual Salads |  Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes Wedges<br> Sweetcorn<br> Assorted Individual Salads |   |
| <b>OTHER OPTIONS</b>   |  | Assorted Jacket Potatoes<br>Assorted Panini<br>Assorted Sandwiches   | Assorted Jacket Potatoes<br>Assorted Panini<br>Assorted Sandwiches  | Assorted Jacket Potatoes<br>Assorted Panini<br>Assorted Sandwiches   | Assorted Jacket Potatoes<br>Assorted Sandwiches   | Assorted Jacket Potatoes<br>Assorted Panini<br>Assorted Sandwiches  |   |
| <b>DESSERTS</b>  |  |  Decorated Sponge Cake<br> Freshly Prepared Fruit  |  Butterfly Buns<br> Freshly Prepared Fruit  |  Marble Sponge<br> Freshly Prepared Fruit  |  Flapjack<br> Freshly Prepared Fruit  |  Chocolate Sponge<br> Freshly Prepared Fruit  |   |
| Suitable for...<br>    |  | For full allergen & nutritional information head to<br><a href="https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk">https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk</a><br>or scan the QR code:   |   |  |   |   |  |
|  |  | <b>FM SERVICES</b><br>  |   |  |   |   |    |

# Reminders

## Breakfast club

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £2.50 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £2.00 each per day. Children from Nursery to Year 6 can attend.

If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club, please use ParentPay.

## After school club

Our After School Club is available until 4pm at a cost of £2.00 each per day.

If you would like to book your child into After School Club, please use ParentPay.

## Extra club

We also offer an Extra Club service that runs until 5.30pm at a cost of £4.00 per day.

If you would like to book your child into Extra Club, please use ParentPay.

**Please can you ensure that Extra Club places are booked and paid for in advance - by Monday morning. This ensures registers are accurate and places are booked and guaranteed.**

**If you have any problems booking any of our before or after school clubs, please contact Miss Armitage, one of our learning mentors.**

## Assembly schedule

| DAY      | DATE     | TIME   | EVENT                 |
|----------|----------|--------|-----------------------|
| Thursday | 23/11/23 | 2.30pm | Y6 Beethoven Assembly |
| Thursday | 07/12/23 | 2.30pm | Y4 Hanukkah Assembly  |



# Diary dates

Any newly added items will be in blue

| DAY       | DATE       | TIME                | EVENT                       |
|-----------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Thursday  | 23.11.2023 | During school hours | Year 5 Mosque Visit         |
| Friday    | 24.11.2023 | 8.30 - 10.00am      | Coffee Morning              |
| Friday    | 01.12.2023 | 4.00 - 5.30pm       | Christmas Fair              |
| Thursday  | 07.12.2023 | All Day             | Christmas Jumper Day        |
| Thursday  | 07.12.2023 |                     | Christmas Dinner Day        |
| Friday    | 08.12.2023 | 10.00am             | LKS2 Carol Concert          |
| Friday    | 08.12.2023 | 2.00pm              | UKS2 Carol Concert          |
| Monday    | 11.12.2023 | 9.00am              | Xmas Raffle                 |
| Monday    | 11.12.2023 |                     | Y1 - Y6 Christmas Parties   |
| Tuesday   | 12.12.2023 | 10.00am & 2.00pm    | EYS Nativity for parents    |
| Wednesday | 13.12.2023 |                     | EYS and Rec Xmas Party      |
| Thursday  | 14.12.2023 | 5.00 - 7.30pm       | Glitz n Glam Disco          |
| Thursday  | 14.12.2023 | 10.00am & 2.00pm    | KS1 Nativity for Parents    |
| Friday    | 15.12.2023 |                     | Swain House has Got Talent  |
| Friday    | 15.12.2023 | All Day             | Non Uniform Day             |
| Friday    | 15.12.2023 |                     | School Closes for Half Term |
| Wednesday | 03.01.2024 |                     | School Reopens              |

# Coming up this half term

Here is a sneak peak at some of the exciting events that will be taking place this half term!

## Christmas celebrations

Once again, that time of year is nearly here! Here is a little look at some of the events that will be taking place over the Christmas period.

This year we will be having two Christmas productions! Great Oak Nursery and Reception will be performing their Early Years Nativity. KS1 will also be performing their own nativity. Tickets will be available soon and we are so excited to see as many of you there as possible!

Don't worry, children in Key Stage 2 won't be missing out on the Christmas cheer! Children in Year 3 to Year 6 will take part in our Christmas Carol Concert. Make sure you come along and enjoy some Christmas carols!

Save the Date! The Friends of Swain House are very excited to invite you to an afternoon of Christmas shopping, Santa's grotto and festive refreshments at our annual Christmas Fair.



# National online safety

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about EA Sports FC

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**  
(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

#### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

#### DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

#### ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people: compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 100 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app), but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

#### TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

#### MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

#### LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

#### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

#### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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