



**Swallowdale
Primary School**

Newsletter February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I think I will always remember this February for being a month of true reflection on the theme of being kind. We have been visited in school by both Google Legends and the NSPCC to talk to the children about the many benefits of social media but also the potential dangers and how to keep themselves safe. During our assemblies in school, we have talked about being respectful; being resilient and being kind. This is extremely important to all of us at Swallowdale and we will, as a joint community, continue to teach our children about these to prepare them for their futures. So I finish my section this month with one of my favourite quotes.

“In a world where you can be anything, be kind”

Best Wishes , Mrs Harries

Year 2 Pirates!

An excited group of Year 2 children had a fabulous few days at Beaumanor Hall for their Pirate themed residential. During the stay, the children participated in lots of activities to find out more including taking part in a treasure hunt; pirate races; singing and pond dipping. The children also enjoyed their delicious dinner and breakfast and had opportunity to play hide and seek. Well done to all the children for being so well behaved! Thank you to Miss Charles, Miss Taylor, Miss Jackson and Mrs Paoella for leading such a fabulous residential.

Also thank you to Mrs Poolan and Mrs Hughes and their group of Happy Pirates back at Swallowdale for an enriching 2 days also learning about Pirates.



PE AND SPORTS

At the start of the month, we were very proud of our Year 5 and 6 Dance Team who took part in The Sky Dance Challenge. The club worked really hard to perfect their amazing routine. On the night, they performed their routine incredibly well and were placed in the top 2 places on the night. This meant they were placed in the top 6 overall out of a total of 18 schools. Fantastic achievement and well done to all those involved!

The children from across the school enjoyed their sample sessions with the Judo coach before the half term holidays. There will be a number of coaches in school again this half term so that all children continue to have opportunity to learn from specialists in the different sporting areas. We have a range of clubs on offer too this half term including football, netball and dance.

Local Advisory Board Update

Following the meeting at the beginning of the month, I am pleased to announce that we now have a newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair. The position of Chair has been filled by Mr Carl Musson who is a newly elected Parent Governor to the board. The position of Vice-Chair has been filled by Mrs Radha Borthayre, also a newly elected Parent Governor. I would personally like to thank both for their commitment and dedication. We very much look forward to working together in the future to continue to ensure Swallowdale thrives.

SWAF

A huge thank you to the members of the SWAF for once again organising a successful disco. This was our busiest yet and raised over £850 which is a tremendous amount!

The children continue to regularly benefit from all the efforts of the SWAF. A large range of new books have arrived and are now available for the children to borrow from our library. The children in Reception have also taken delivery of a new range of small world resources to support their development and learning.



NSPCC 

Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Thank you to everyone who recently supported the sponsored event for the NSPCC. We raised the incredible total of £1075.20!

The money raised will go towards the incredible work the charity do to ensure that all children are safe and have a place to go if they need help.