



**For week ending  
20<sup>th</sup> September  
2019**

Dear Parents,

## **Schoolcomms**

Our office is now paperless. Please ensure that all permissions and payments are made via schoolcomms. You will need to register for a school gateway account from [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) if you have not already done so. There will occasionally be some exceptions to this which we will inform you of when necessary.

## **Sawbo Travel Challenge**

This year's Sawbridgeworth Travel Challenge week will run from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September. Each day will have a different theme; Eco Monday (wear something green), Trainer Tuesday (wear your trainers), Wacky Wednesday (wear something bizarre), Fun Hat Thursday (wear a hat) and Funky Footwear Friday (dress up your feet) – just add something quick and easy to school uniforms. Every pupil will receive a special passport which will be stamped with a footprint each day they travel to school sustainably.

## **Absence requests**

We continue to receive some requests for absences. It is very important for your child to be in school, as children find it very difficult to catch up on the learning that they have missed and this can have a negative impact on their progress. In addition, children can be given a negative message about the value and importance of going to school. Please be aware that should the number of unauthorised absence sessions for your child reach 15 or more in the current and/or previous term you will be in breach of the 2007 Education (Penalty Notices for England) regulations and the Local Authority may issue you with a penalty notice.

## **Important reminder about allergies**

Please be reminded that we do not allow kiwi fruit or nuts of any kind in school, including peanut butter, as we have children and staff with kiwi and nut allergies, including airborne nut allergies. Please do not send your child to school with kiwi fruit or nuts, either as a snack or in their lunchbox. For your information also, all school meals are nut free. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Dinner money**

Dinner money is now due. Please remember dinner money needs to be paid promptly and in advance. The cost of school meals is £2.60 per day and payments can be made via SchoolComms. Thank you.

## **Midday Supervisor Assistants**

We are looking for a midday supervisor assistant to begin as soon as possible. If you would like to apply for the position, and for more information, please contact the school office on 01279 722578.

## **Letters sent home**

John Stow Athletics club - Reminder

Sawbo Travel Challenge

Year 6 Kingswood letter

## **Weekly Reminders**

### **Dinner Menu**

Week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September will be Week 1 on the school dinner menu.

### **Reminder about school start time**

Lessons begin at 8.50am when the registers are taken. Please remember that if your child arrives at school after 8.50am, **they need to come in via the school office with an adult and sign in the late book.** Children arriving after 8.50am but before 9am will be given a late mark and children arriving after 9am will be marked as an unauthorised absence. This is in accordance with the directive from our attendance officer.

### **Class Assemblies**

Please note the class assembly dates in the calendar below. Class assemblies begin at **9.15am**.

**Assembly theme:** Looking after our environment

<b><u>Dates for your diary</u> (* New entry)</b>	<b><u>Dates for your diary</u> (* New entry)</b>
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Sawbo travel challenge week</b>
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Y3 Celtic Harmony trip</b>
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Individual school photographs</b>
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Class assembly 4W</b>
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Class assembly 4K</b>
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Y4 to Bhakthivedanta Manor</b>
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Class Assembly 5N</b>
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Y5 Bikeability Week</b>
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Parents evening 4pm – 7pm</b>
<b>Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Parents evening 4pm – 7pm</b>
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Class Assembly 5W</b>
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Half term week</b>
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov to Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Maths and Science Week</b>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Flu Spray – all children Class assembly 3PW Glow in the dark disco 4.30-6pm</b>
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Class assembly 3K</b>
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Class assembly 6HC</b>
<b>*Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>*Y6 trip to RAF Museun</b>
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Class assembly 6D</b>
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Years 3 and 4 Christmas production 1.30pm &amp; 6pm</b>
<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Y5 to Christmas Unwrapped</b>
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Carol concerts 10am and 11am</b>
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Visit to St Mary's Church Talent Show End of term</b>