



# The Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools



Our Federation's mission is to work together to create successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

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11<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of our first half term, I have been reflecting on some of our highlights: school trips, Harvest festivals and family assemblies.

The children and their attitude to learning and their determination to 'be the best they can be' has been evident as I have popped into classes. Here are some of the things they said to me:

*'I'm really being pushed!'*

*'I'm going to keep going!'*

*'This is great – I get to learn with a partner!'*

*'I'm the expert at this!'*

We have also been celebrating the wonderful, autumnal season at our Forest School sessions with natural paints, nest building, fruit gathering and rainbow spotting! Swallowtail children love being outdoors and Mrs Bowen (Y1 teacher at Sutton) and I had a fabulous weekend at the National Forest School Conference, held at a stunning woodland in Norfolk. It was a chance for us to look at ways we could develop a deeper connection to nature for our children and we left bursting with ideas!



So it only leaves me to say have a lovely half term when it arrives with your family and friends and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Miss Wones

Acting Executive Head

## Mental health

Mental health is a subject receiving attention at the moment in the media and in politics and is something we at Swallowtail feel passionate about. This Wednesday it was 'World Mental Health' day and we have shared this with children:



If you're interested in finding out more, visit the website for some great resources.

## Safeguarding

If you have any problems or concerns regarding the school, please come and discuss these with us. Facebook and other social media should not be used to share grievances. We all have a duty to respect and show consideration when sharing information online. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Reminders

Could all parents please ensure their children do not climb, jump off or sit on the steps near the office door, as if someone comes out of the door this could cause a serious accident. Thank you Ms Wones

## Website & Twitter Links

<http://www.swallowtailfederation.co.uk/>

<https://mobile.twitter.com/hicklinginfants>

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## Chips and Quiz Night

Mr Hall has been working hard on putting this event together to raise money for future federation trips and events. Please see the attached letter – we hope to see you there! (A copy will also be in your child's book bags).

## School Lunches

Unfortunately Mrs Matthews our Norse lunchtime lady is leaving us next week and Norse currently do not have a replacement for her. Linda Bufton have asked us to mention it in our newsletter to see if anyone would be interesting in taking over. The job is for 7 ½ hours each week and you would be required to pick up the lunches from Ludham school, bring them to Hickling and serve, then take the food boxes back to Ludham. You would be pay millage for the travel.

If anybody is interested please contact Linda directly on her mobile 07802 486269 or email [linda.bufton@ncsgrp.co.uk](mailto:linda.bufton@ncsgrp.co.uk)

## New Menu

Your child will have a new menu and order form in their book bags today. This menu will start after half term (the menu will also be uploaded onto the school website). Please ensure the order form is returned by the 29<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks

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## Term dates

A list of dates for this term below. We will also add them to our 'Diary' page on the website and keep you updated on any new ones that come up.

18/10/18	INSET DAY
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05/11/18	Federation Day – Year 1/2 How Hill - Reception – Sutton Infant School
09/11/18	Remembrance Day Learning café 1.30pm - 2.30pm
15/11/18	School Photo (Individual & Sibling)
30/11/18	Christmas craft café 1.30pm – 2.30pm
11/12/18	Nativity dress rehearsal
12/12/18	Nativity performance
13/12/18	Christmas Lunch
18/12/18	Last day of term/Christmas Jumper and party day



Exploring our local area and having a sneaky run through the stubble field!