



# 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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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our new school year! Our federation family has grown with lots of pre-school children at Hickling and Catfield and our new Reception children at Sutton – a warm welcome to all of you.

It has been wonderful to return to the federation after my travels and forest school work abroad. The children have been very interested to hear all about it, although mostly about my bear sightings in Alaska!

All three schools are looking great and staff have worked hard over the summer to make sure our learning environments are the best they can be for our children. An extra mention to Mr Jones, who is our site manager at all three schools and who always does such a sterling job for us.

Do keep an eye out on our website [www.swallowtailfederation.co.uk](http://www.swallowtailfederation.co.uk) for the class blogs from the teachers, which give you an insight into what's been happening and also for copies of any letters.

I look forward to seeing you all soon at our celebration assemblies on Fridays – Sutton and Catfield at 9am and Hickling at 2.30pm. Please do come and see me or the Heads of Schools if you have any questions or concerns – I will usually be at Sutton on Mondays, Catfield on Tuesdays and Hickling on Wednesdays.

Miss Wones

Acting Executive Head

## Value for Life

We continue to look at a different value in our Collective Worship and this half term our value is 'Hope.' This week we have been looking at 'Jesus the Hope of the World'. We have heard the story of Simeon and begun reflecting on what hope means to us. Please look out for the R.E and Values newsletter later this half term, which will also contain a values for home sheet.

## Flu Vaccinations

Your child will be bringing home information and a consent form regarding the flu vaccinations today, which are taking place at the school on the 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. The consent form **must** be returned to the school office by the 24<sup>th</sup> September even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination. If you have any questions regarding this there is a telephone number and email address on the letter. Any other problems please come and see me in the office. Thanks

## School Trip – Broads Tours Wroxham

A consent form for the trip has been sent home with your child today. Could this be completed in full and returned to the office by the 19<sup>th</sup> September along with any outstanding lunch orders and £5 contributions relating to the trip.

13 September 2018

## Safeguarding

- Please remember to enter and exit the schools via the school office outside of school drop off and collection times. After children have been dropped off in the mornings, the playground gates are locked until the end of the day.
- Please advise the school office before 9am if your child is not going to be in school. If there is no-one in the office to take your call, please leave a message on the answer phone.
- Could you also let us know if there is any change to your contact details as it is very important that we hold the correct information.

## E safety

As part of our staff training during September Inset days, we viewed 2 clips from the CEOP website which are very powerful in portraying e safety message. Below are the links if you would like to view these at home:

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5\\_7/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/) (5-7 year olds)

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/) (8-10 year olds)

## Harvest Festival

We hope that you will be able to join us at the St Mary's Church in the village for our harvest festival. This will take place at 11am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. We are going to collect produce for the 'People's Picnic' a service for homeless people in Norwich. We would appreciate any items from the list below in the lead up and on the day of the harvest festival. Any questions please just ask.



Please help us feed local people in crisis by checking the backs of your cupboards for in-date tins of food, or from buying items from our list and donating.

Thank-you!

## Shopping List

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ✓ Breakfast Cereal           | ✓ Tinned mixed           |
| ✓ Tinned fruit/custard       | vegetables, potatoes,    |
| ✓ Tinned meatballs, hotdogs, | mushrooms, sliced        |
| macaroni cheese, ravioli,    | carrots, mixed beans.    |
| bean and sausages, All-day   | ✓ Pot/packet noodle      |
| breakfast, minced beef &     | ✓ Cereal bars            |
| onion, chilli, spaghetti     | ✓ Milk powder            |
| Bolognese.                   | ✓ Instant coffee         |
| ✓ Pasta sauces               | ✓ Rice pudding           |
| ✓ Instant mash               | ✓ Jam                    |
| ✓ Corned Beef                | ✓ Biscuits or snack bars |
| ✓ Tinned Fish                | ✓ Crisps                 |
| ✓ Fresh fruit/veg            | ✓ Cartons of juice       |

Non-food items such as toiletries, plastic spoons/forks/plates and tinned dog food are most welcome too. Also items such as blankets, socks and boxer shorts are always in need. 😊

## Term dates

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

26/09/18	School Trip – Broads Tours, Wroxham
28/09/18	Harvest Festival 11am at the Church
03/10/18	Open morning 9.30am-11am
04/10/18	Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 2
10/10/18	Parents Meetings 1pm onwards
18 + 19/10/18	INSET DAYS
09/11/18	Learning café 1.30pm - 2.30pm
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

## Reminders

If you are using your car for school runs, please be considerate where you park to ensure the safety of pedestrians and other car users. Please ensure that you do not park on the yellow zig zag lines at any time during school hours, and also please keep the junction clear at all times. Thank you with your help in this matter

## Quick links to website & blogs

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

[http://www.swallowtailfederation.co.uk/classes\\_h.html](http://www.swallowtailfederation.co.uk/classes_h.html)