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Working Together in God's Hands

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year at Sywell.

We are pleased to tell you that we had our long awaited new boiler installed over the summer so we can look forward to the winter this year with renewed confidence that the school will be consistently warm and comfortable, and that we will no longer be dogged with unexpected breakdowns.

Governor Vacancies

Two of our long standing school governors have come to the end of their terms and have decided to retire. We would like to thank Tony Noble and Paul Groom for their many years of service and friendship to the school. This means we now have vacancies for 2 foundation governors and 1 parent governor. If you, or someone you know, has the time and skills to make a positive contribution to the education provided at Sywell why not consider taking up the challenge of governorship. Please see the attached letter from Annette Ray, our Chair of Governors. If you would like more information regarding what the role entails, please speak to Mr Lunn or visit the National Governance Association website <https://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx>

Data Collection Sheets

Your child will be bringing home their Data Collection Sheet today. This is a copy of the information and contact details the school currently holds for your child and it is therefore vital that this information is accurate. Please take some time to check that all the details are correct, paying particular attention to the emergency contact telephone numbers. If any details have changed, please amend the sheet where appropriate.

In line with DfE statutory guidance, we request **a minimum of two emergency contacts**. Please ensure that you have the permission of the person you name as an emergency contact to share their personal data with us. Once checked, please sign and return the sheet to the school office, even if there are no changes.

Music Tuition

Instrumental lessons with Mrs Mitchell (strings) and Mrs Muller (woodwind) will commence next week on Wednesday 12 September. Please ensure children have their instruments in school on Wednesday.

Our Pause for Thought

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness"

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Our Value of the Term is

Hope

If your child is interested in playing an “endangered” instrument, NMPAT is offering discounted lessons in oboe, bassoon and double bass to students from Year 4 upwards. If you think you might be interested in starting to learn one of these more specialised orchestral instruments please ask for an application form from the school or through the Music Trust directly on 01604 637117 or email office@nmpat.co.uk

Clubs

Miss Bates’ Gymnastics Club commences on Tuesday. Please see attached booking form. Knit & Natter craft club with Mrs Wilkins also starts on Tuesday, 3.30pm-4.30pm (£1 per week to cover the cost of materials).

Mr Lunn will be running after school booster sessions for Years 3 & 4 on Mondays and for Year 6 students every Thursday from 3.30pm-4.30pm, both starting next week. Scrapbook Club with Mrs Devonish will start again after October half term.

Information on other activities, including football, dodgeball and Hotshots basketball will follow next week.

Village Barn Dance

Please see the attached flyer for this weekend’s Barn Dance in aid of the Sywell Church Roof Appeal. Some tickets are still available.

Term Dates

The remaining three inset days (training days) for this academic year have been set as follows:

Friday 19 October 2018

Thursday 3 January 2019

Friday 4 January 2019

School will be closed to pupils on these days.

Upcoming Events & Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 12 September	Reception Class start (mornings only)
Thursday 4 October	School photographs (individual & sibling groups)
Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 October	Bikeability (Year 6)
Wednesday 17 October	Parent Consultation Evening (details to follow)
Thursday 18 October	Values Worship @ Sywell Church 2.00pm
	End of Term 1
Monday 29 October	Start of Term 2

Safeguarding and E-safety

Please remember that if you have any concerns regarding safeguarding or child protection (including e-safety) then you should raise your concerns with the designated safeguarding leads within school. They are Russell Lunn and Sonia Byrne.

For more advice about safeguarding and e-safety, please see the following sites:

<http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/>

<https://ceop.police.uk/>

With best wishes



Russell Lunn
Head Teacher