

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term break and wow, weren't we fortunate with the weather! Term 6 is always a busy one, and the purpose of this newsletter is to provide further information about the various upcoming events.

## **Uniform**

If you have school uniform that is of good quality and no longer fits your child, please consider donating this to the school so that it can be passed on to another family.



Uniform is often discarded simply because it is too small and as a school we would like to promote recycling of such clothing. If you are happy to donate, please ensure the uniform is washed and brought to the office. We shall display all available uniform at the summer fayre so that parents have the opportunity to take what they need in advance of buying for September. If you would like to make a voluntary donation in return for uniform taken, this will be gratefully



received. Many thanks for your support with this.

## **Mrs Townsend**

I am sure you would wish to join myself and the staff as we wish Mrs Townsend (Y4) all the very best as she begins her maternity leave from next week. Hazel class will be taught by Robyn Kinnersley for the final few weeks of this term and we hope Mrs Townsend enjoys a few weeks of rest and relaxation before the big event. 😊

## **Summer Fayre 14<sup>th</sup> July 3pm - 5pm**

As you are no doubt aware, schools are constantly struggling to raise money for resources that help our children with their learning. Staff at the school have been working extremely hard to organise a summer fayre for our families, and we need your help to make this a success. Although a separate letter will be sent with full details, we would be most grateful if children could bring the following donations into school please:



- All children to bring a bottle/canned drink donation for a tombola stall (no alcohol please).
- Reception – children's paints, crayons, pencil-crayons, felt-tips, colouring books.
- Year 1, Year 2 – chocolates, sweets, biscuits (without nuts and no lollies).
- Year 3, Year 4 – small unopened gifts, candles, toiletries, perfumes etc.
- Year 5, Year 6 – children's games, books, card games, jigsaws etc.

We would also be so very grateful for donations of cakes on the day – if these could be brought in on the morning, that would be fantastic. The cake sale on the Platinum Jubilee Day raised over £600 and wouldn't it be great if we could match that on the day of the fayre!

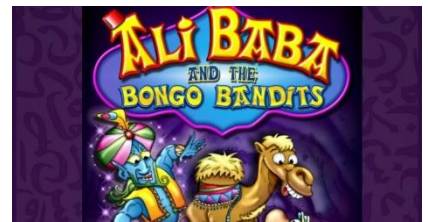
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## ***Sponsored Walk***

This year's sponsored walk will be run a little differently than a traditional 'sponsored' event. Rather than collect monies per lap and the cash then being collected afterwards, this year we are opening a ParentPay account entitled "Sponsored Walk" where donations of any amount can be added electronically by our families. The monies raised shall go towards the new playground equipment we would like to buy for our pupils. We gratefully welcome all donations received.

## ***Year 6 Production***

Rehearsals for the Y6 production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits are well underway and I am pleased to say that the school shall provide the props and costumes for this production so that cost to parents is kept to a minimum. Although we have never charged for tickets, the school has to purchase these productions as a complete package (including licensing rights etc.) and therefore on the day of the productions there will be some buckets in the hall should you wish to make a donation towards the cost. I was privileged to watch the first hall rehearsal of the opening song; I must say. I think you are in for a treat!



## ***SwinPup***



House. Once we get the dog back from the photo shoot, he shall be in the front entrance for all to admire.

The pupils have been very excited to take part in The Big Dog Art Trail's learning programme in Swindon. With the help of Miss Ballinger, Mrs Serratore and Jenny Green, the children have decorated Cedric (our Swinpup) in the school colours and with the school mission statement: learn, grow, love and live. All of the dog sculptures can be seen around the town along a free, fun and family-friendly trail between the 15 July and the 3 September. The trail is being staged by global art trail producer Wild in Art and Wiltshire children's hospice charity, Julia's



## ***Thank a Teacher Day***

June 21<sup>st</sup> is Thank a Teacher Day. Here is more information about it and a link for your child, should they wish to submit a message 😊 <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/2023/05/19/a-day-of-celebrations-to-last-all-year-national-thank-a-teacher-day/>

## ***Y5 Library trip to meet author, Guy Bass***

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Our Y5 pupils went on a visit to the North Swindon library to listen to the author, Guy Bas, talk about his books. He spoke to the children about his childhood and explained how he got ideas for stories and poems. Guy was inspiring to listen to and very entertaining. Every child was allowed to choose one of his many books and he kindly signed each one.



## *Catholic Social Teaching*

The Catholic Social Teaching principle for this term is The Common Good. The children are learning about the importance of thinking of others and remembering that everybody is unique, important and valued.

Loving God,  
We believe that we are all brothers  
and sisters.  
Help us to think about what is good  
for everyone, not just ourselves.

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**



Chikondi  
the Giraffe

Thinking of everyone  
(The Common Good)

## *Learn, Grow, Love, Live*



Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Check held throughout the week
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check held throughout the week
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Ash and Oak trip to Farmer Gows
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leaver's Mass at Clifton Cathedral & then picnic on Bristol Downs
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> June	School disco & non-school-uniform day – separate letter to follow.
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June	TD Day – school will be closed to all pupils
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sponsored Walk
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent evenings for children starting reception in September 2023 at 6pm.
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Peter and St. Paul Mass
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Non-school-uniform day to say thank you for summer fayre donations
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> July & Thu 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Move-up mornings for children to meet their new teacher in their new classroom
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits for parents/families of Y6 pupils
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – more information will follow shortly
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 sleepover
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year Mass
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Final day of school. We shall finish at <b>1:30pm</b> for all pupils on this day. Gates open 1:15pm.

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**GOAN SWINDON ASSOCIATION PRESENTS**

**2023 GOAN SUMMER FESTIVAL**

**8TH JULY 2023**  
VENUE: SWINDON ATHLETIC TRACK  
COUNTY ROAD, SWINDON, SN1 2EE  
(NEAR SWINDON FOOTBALL CLUB)

**OPENING WITH EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AT 12 NOON**

**LIVE MUSIC & DJ**  
**FOOD STALL**  
**BAR & REFRESHMENT**

**PLAY RIDES**  
MANY MORE MIND BLOWING ACTS

**ENTRY £10 PER ADULT**  
**ENTRY FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 10 ACCOMPANIED BY PARENTS**

**AND LOTS OF FUN...**

**Stay tuned for after Party too.**

**Goan Swindon Association United Kingdom**

**Sheila and Gavin**

**Mood Setters**

**AS Aurwile & Silvia**  
all the way from Goa

**Dj Franky**

**The Celestials**

**SHADES**

**Royal**

Some of the children from our Indian Dance Club will be performing at this festival 😊

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