



# Summer Term 09 Newsletter 21



Dear Swindell Families

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter Break and didn't eat too much chocolate!

## Investors In Families Award

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April school will be visited by two assessors to decide if we qualify for the Investors In Families Award, as part of the process they would like to hear your views about how school works with families. If you would like to talk to the assessors please contact the school office.

## Curriculum Workshops

These will all take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, details on your class Newsletter.

## After-school Clubs

Booking information with this letter. Clubs start the week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

## Dates for the Term

To be sent home on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

Thank you for your generosity, we managed to raise a total of £34.50.

## Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

We will be launching our Virtual Learning Environment on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. This is a secure internet site which will eventually provide the following features:

- communication tools such as email and message boards for the school community
- collaboration tools such as online forums, intranets, electronic diaries and calendars
- assessment, attendance and behaviour information
- integration with school management information systems
- controlled access to curriculum resources
- pupil access to content and communications beyond the school.

This will form part of our Curriculum workshop, so please come and find out more.

## School Trips

If you would like to help out with this summer's school trips please make sure you have had a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check. This is part of the school's Safeguarding Children Policy. Please contact the office for details.

## Consultation on proposed start of the school day change from September 2009

Please see over

Miss A J Hopley

Consultation on proposed start of the school day change from September 2009

From September 09 all pre-school education providers in Great Yarmouth will have to offer 3 hour sessions (at the moment they are 2.5 hours). We want to be able to fit these longer times into the school start and finish times as we are aware that many families have children in other classes as well as the nursery and also at other schools.

To make this possible, the Governors of Alderman Swindell School propose that the start of the school day is changed from 8.40 am to 8.30 am.

Proposed Nursery times from September 09

Morning                    8.30 am - 11.30 am  
Afternoon                12.15 pm - 3.15 pm

Proposed Main School times from September 09

Gates open 8.30 am, gates close 8.40 am (10 min arrival time as happens currently)

School finish time 3.15 pm (no change)

We propose to extend playtime by 10 minutes so that the children would have a longer time to play. At the moment they get 15 minutes, which is not very long by the time they have got their coats on and been to the toilet or had a drink.

The earlier start should make it easier to drop children at Alderman Swindell before going on to North Denes or other schools with brothers and sisters.

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY THANK YOU



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Alderman Swindell School

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I..... Parent / Carer of.....

PLEASE PRINT NAMES

Support

PLEASE TICK PREFERRED BOX OR ADD OWN IDEA

Do not support

Suggest an alternative.....

to the proposed start of the school day change from September 2009

Miss A J Hopley