



SWANWICK STORY



Friday 2nd December 2022

Christmas Jumper Day- Thursday 8th December

Parents are invited to arrive from 2:45 to shop at the craft stalls detailed below. The Choir will also be singing some festive tunes to be enjoyed by all.



Guess the Santa Game Sheets

We will be selling game sheets for 50p- the winner gets a chocolate hamper! They will be on sale from Monday and all class teachers will have the sheets in their classrooms to sell to children. The winner will be announced at the end of term and all money goes towards school.

VERY IMPORTANT
INFORMATION



It's all Greek in Year 6!

A massive thankyou to the parents who provided the children in year 6 with their costumes for their Ancient Greek Day. A fantastic day was had by all, as you can see from the image below!



You can view a slide show of all the activities from this event using [this link](#).

Children enjoyed sampling some Greek cuisine, taking part in the Olympics and learning some Greek Dancing. What a great way to enter into a new topic! Thank you to our Year 6 staff for organising this event.



Pantomime - Aladdin at Derby Arena Y1-Y6 Wednesday 14th December

On Wednesday 14th December the school gates will open at 8.15am. **All children need to be in school by 8.30am.** Please be aware if you use Bolton Street entrance the coaches may be there before 8am. This could lead to the road being blocked.

The coaches will be leaving to attend the panto at 8.45am prompt. If your child is late the coaches will be unable to wait and as there will be no staff to supervise them in school, they will need to return home. **For this reason, please make sure your child arrives no later than 8:30am on this day to avoid disappointment.**



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Christmas Sensory Survival Kit

Some people enjoy the first signs of Christmas- the scent of pine, twinkling lights, and Christmas classics playing on the radio but Christmas can be quite overwhelming in many ways, particularly for people who have sensory processing difficulties or get very overwhelmed with the sights, sounds, smells and madness that the Christmas season brings! Please have a look at the [Christmas Sensory Survival kit](#) for ways to support people through this.

Free online training for parents

We have been asked to share the following free online course information with parents-

Course 1 is about support with [Family Separation](#).

Course 2 is about support for [New and Expectant Parents](#).

Entitlement to Free School Meals

Please could we ask all parents to fill out the form by clicking on the link below or downloading and completing [this form](#)

This means that we can check to see if your child is entitled to free school meals. Please could we ask everyone (even if you don't think you are eligible) to take a few minutes to complete the form on this link:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/pupil-premium/school-meals-pupil-premium-form.aspx>

Is my child too ill for school?

Please take a look at this NHS link to support you with decisions around your child's health.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Class Library Launch

As part of our drive to encourage children to read for pleasure, we are launching our classroom library scheme. Every child in school will have access to a range of books and will be able to loan these, take home and enjoy them, at their leisure.

Class teachers will give pupils the opportunity to change their books on a weekly basis. If parents and carers could encourage their children to share these books with them, look after them carefully and return them to school on their given library day, this would be greatly appreciated.

Also if you have any books at home which your children no longer needs, we are happy to receive donations.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mrs Holdsworth
(English lead)



Children in Need- Total Raised

£473.60



Thank you for all your contributions!



Road Safety Plea

We have been contacted by a concerned parent who has made us aware of a situation this week involving a reversing car and near-miss for her child.

The Yellow Zig Zag lines indicate areas of the school that we do not want vehicles to park in. In addition to this, we ask you to please consider where you are parking and ensure this is not obstructing the curbs and pavements. The safety of the children is of paramount importance to us all, and we need all adults to be considerate and careful when they are in vehicles near the school gates.

We are glad to hear that on this occasion, adults were able to alert the child, who was completely unharmed, however changes need to be made to ensure this does not happen again.

Please consider setting off slightly earlier if you are using a vehicle and parking a little further from school, and please do not turn into the small space outside the school gates to drop children off as this is extremely dangerous and busy.

Thank you for your support with this.

Breakfast Club Bookings- Spring Term

We are now opening bookings for the next 2 terms for Breakfast Club covering 09 01 2023 to 31 03 2023.

Please complete the Microsoft form

: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=INuawVVeskgamp3GCD2qCnk3uE3JyqBOrpXdx2upM3dUQTc1NERPUVpGQjLOUEdRVVNCTFAwRlRaUi4u>

The club is very popular therefore we need to receive bookings asap so we can ensure we can make to the appropriate arrangements to cover all sessions. Accounts will be added at the beginning of each term. Can we also remind you that payment is required before your child attends the club. If you are paying by vouchers - please ensure they are processed at the beginning of the term.



Final Stretch!

We are fast approaching the festive period and we have plenty of exciting activities planned for the final few weeks. Please make sure you check our [School Calendar](#) to see what is happening each day!

Year 2 Victorian Day Success

Children in Year 2 had a fantastic day last week exploring life as a Victorian. You can access a [slideshow here](#) to see what they got up to.



Out of School Activities

There are a variety of out of school clubs running at the moment in the community. We have been asked to share the below opportunities for Brownies and Soccer groups. If you are interested in finding out about these clubs, please [click here](#).