



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 30th June 2023

This week's Swanwick Story contains lots of celebratory news and numerous important dates, notices and information. Please read through to ensure you are familiar with what is coming up at SPS!

Sports Day

What a fantastic day we had last week on our sports day! The children were absolute troopers and gave their very best throughout the events.

KS1 Results

1st Place: Fox 1

2nd Place: Hedgehogs

KS2 Results

1st Place: Team 9

2nd Place: Team 4

3rd Place: Team 3

A huge well done and thank you to Mrs Turner and Miss Mallard for organising such a fabulously fun day!

Thank you as well to our Mini Leaders and Year 6 helpers for being so fantastic helping to set up and run the activities.



Steel Drum Workshop

The children have all taken part in a steel drum workshop organised by Miss Harris this week and had a great musical experience. Thank you Miss Harris!





Year 6 Residential to Whitehall



This week, Year 6 spent 3 days at Whitehall. During their time there, they had the opportunity to do so many amazing activities, including things such as abseiling, canoeing and the leap of faith! Even us as teachers had the chance to join in and were so proud of all of the children who took part. They showed how sensible, brave, polite and supportive they are of each other and even worked together to successfully make their beds at the start of the trip! Thank you for a fantastic residential trip, Year 6!

Mr Morris, Miss Harris, Mrs Sanders, Mrs Wakefield and Miss Richards



Year 1 and 2 have been to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

We arrived early enough to see the animals waking up from their slumber and walked about 3 miles over the course of the day! The children were a credit to the school and should be proud.

Highlights included seeing the Polar Bears, watching the Sea Otters, watching the lions, visiting the play parks and feeding the crows at lunchtime (not strictly part of the park offerings but the children loved it) A wonderful day to round off a busy year.

Miss Wright



Online Safety

Recently we carried out an Online Safety questionnaire with all the pupils at school. With our children spending more time in the online world, it's really important to us to see what they're accessing and how they access it. Already we've found that the majority of pupils feel safe online and all know what to do if they have an issue online which is fantastic. However, a few pupils have spoken up about being hacked and the passwords they used. Pupils worry about having a safe and secure account on their programs. To help, I've created a top 5 hints to help keep your account secure with a better password:

- 1: Don't use your name, address, pet or family members in your password, choose words you that are memorable to you but random.
- 2: Replace letters with numbers in your words EG: use a 4 =A, 3=E, 5=S ETC.
- 3: Tell your parents/carers your password but no one else, even your friends.
- 4: Don't write your passwords down in a public or obvious place (like next to your games console or on the back of your tablet).
- 5: If you need a security question, choose a question and answer only you and your family know the answer to, not something obvious.

Remember, encourage your children to change their passwords if they're ever worried they've been hacked or someone knows it - it will give them and you peace of mind.

Mr. Cartwright



Transition Week and Plans for Moving up!

Tough Runner Friday 7th July

On Friday 7th July, the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will get chance to take part in a 'Tough Runner' assault course which involves a variety of exciting and challenging obstacles set up on the school field. After completing the course, which includes cargo nets, stepping through tyres and other challenges, there is a water slide and the children will get wet and muddy.

Pirate Obstacle Course Friday 14th July

On Friday 14th July, the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will get chance to take part in a Pirate Obstacle Course which involves a variety of exciting and challenging obstacles set up on the school field. There are some adult-operated water sprays in this activity, meaning children may get wet.

In order to take part in both of these events, it is essential that each child comes to school in their PE kit (old clothing and old trainers) and brings a full change of clothing including a change of shoes and a towel in a plastic bag with their name on. This bag will be used to bring home their wet and muddy clothes. Children without this will not be able to fully participate.

Year 5 Performance Thursday 6th July

Just a reminder to Year 5 parents that the Year 5 performance will be on Thursday 6th July at 2:15pm. More details will go out via Parent Hub closer to the date.

Staff are currently planning a variety of activities for our Transition Week running from Monday 10th – Friday 14th July, part of which will include a move up day where children will spend the whole day with their new class teacher in their new classroom. We are all really excited about this! We are aware though that for lots of people, transition can be a worrying time and this is why we have planned a full week of activities.

New Classes

We will be letting the children know who their next teacher will be on July 3rd. This will also be shared with parents on this date.



Move up Day

Move up day on Wednesday the 12th July for the children. On this day, children will be arriving to their usual classroom and will finish the day in their new classroom. Further details will be sent out closer to the day. Any Year 6 children who are not visiting Swanwick Hall on this day will be supporting some of our activities.

Meet the Teacher- Parent Event

Each Year Group Teaching Team will be holding a session in one of the classrooms at the times below. This will be a chance for parents to visit one of the classrooms and meet the teachers and some of the TAs for their child's new year group. The new year group teachers will be sharing a range of information around what is needed, what the timetables look like and what is expected in that year group. There is no need to sign up; please just arrive at South Street gate at the time and date below.

Please use this map to locate the room that the meeting will take place in. [Meeting Rooms Map](#)



Summer BBQ Friday 7th July



SUMMER BBQ

FRIDAY 7TH JULY 2023 6PM TO 8PM

Swanwick Friends will be holding our first summer BBQ since 2019! and we are looking for help to make it bigger and better than ever before. If you would be willing to help us run a stall/game or you would like a stall of your own for a small donation to the friends please contact us at swanwickfriends@gmail.com Also if you can help us with donations for a tombola on the week of the BBQ we would be very grateful- details to follow. Thank you
Swanwick Friends



FREE Water Safety Sessions with swim England and RNLI

(Children must be 7-14 and able to swim 25m)

Click [here](#) for more information.

Rainbow Raffle

We are holding a Rainbow Raffle. Each year group will be given a colour and we would really appreciate any prize item you can donate that is of the corresponding colour for your child's year. Please be as imaginative as you like with this - Blue soap? Chocolates in a red box? A novelty purple tea towel?? Anything you can donate would be really appreciated. These will be made into 7 separate coloured prize boxes.

All monies raised will go back into school projects and who wouldn't want to win a box full of Blue mystery prizes???

So lets have some colourful fun!

If you can donate anything at all for the Rainbow Raffle, then please send donations in with your child to be given to their class teacher.

Thank you!



Is your child interested in playing cricket?

Swanwick Hall Cricket Club would welcome players to their training sessions on Thursdays between 6 and 7pm.

They also run a disability friendly session on the last Thursday of each month during the Summer between 6 and 7pm.

Find out more on their Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/SwanwickHallCC

All sessions are run by ECB qualified coaches!



Year 3 Trip to Magna

Just a reminder that Year 3 children will be going on their trip to Magna on Tuesday 4th July. Please send children with a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks), suitable footwear and a waterproof coat.

If your child usually has Free School Meals then a packed lunch can be provided if you notify school in advance.

PSHE and RSHE

Parent Information Evening



You are invited to a general overview of the RSHE curriculum and information about whole school coverage on 4th July 3.30-4.15pm.

We understand that not everyone will be able to make this meeting so the slides will be shared with parents after the event.

This event is strictly for parents and carers. All school-age children can go to Miss Wright's classroom after collection until the end of the event.

Comic Con
Bakewell

Free Entry Event!

Sunday 2nd July
11am - 4pm
Agricultural Business Centre
Bakewell, DE45 1AH

Characters: Star Wars - Superheroes - Mario/Yoshi
Pikachu - Olaf - My Little Pony - Sonic & more!
"Free" Photo Op's - "Free Play" Retro Gaming
Cosplay Competitions - Seller Stalls & more.....



Year 1 Parents

As we are approaching the end of the year, parents of Year 1 are now able to download their child's journal before these accounts are closed next week.

If your child has additional needs, their account will remain open.

School Uniform Donation

If you have any school uniform items that no longer fit and are in good, usable condition then please would you consider donating them to school so that we can pass on to families that may need them and/or keep spares in school in case of emergencies.

Please bring in any donations (washed) with names removed and hand in to your child's class teacher so that we can pass it on to the right people.

Thank you in advance for your kindness!





School Start and Finish times September 2023

Thank you for your feedback around start and finish times. From September 2023, our times will be the following

Both Gates open 8:40- 8:50 daily.


Year Group	Start	Finish
EYFS	8:50	3:20
Y1	8:50	3:20
Y2	8:50	3:20
Y3	8:50	3:25
Y4	8:50	3:25
Y5	8:50	3:25
Y6	8:50	3:25

Makaton



Our sign of the week this week is- Apple

You can find a video [here](#)




Protect your precious cargo!
Free child car seat advice and checks

McArthur Glen, South Normanton
Thursday 24 August
10am – 4pm

All staff carrying out the checks are trained to Institute of Occupational Safety and Health standards. For further information contact **Derbyshire County Council Road Safety Team** on 01629 538058, roadsafety@derbyshire.gov.uk or visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk

For all the latest road safety news
twitter.com/DDRSP_





Congratulations Nevaeh and Harper!



Well done to Nevaeh and Harper who took part in their first dance competition last weekend for the King's Summer of Dance Festival.

They both earned first place and Gold badges for their dances! Next stop Strictly Come Dancing!

Well done Abigail!

Well done to Abigail in Year 3 who had a wonderful weekend last weekend. She performed in a musical concert for the Derby School of Music on Saturday afternoon at the Multi Faith Centre at Derby University and then played the piano in front of 100 people! She performed 'The Pizza Song' and 'Jelly on a plate'. Well done Abigail for such a brave and fantastic performance!



