



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 15 October 2021

Thank you

Once again, thank you to you all for your continued support and well wishes.

We still have a significant (and growing) number of staff absences which is impacting on us being able to deliver all of our usual interventions. This means that we continue to shuffle staff around to ensure we have cover everywhere it is needed in order to keep everyone safe. We don't do this unless we really have to, so thank you for your understanding. Wherever possible, we try to have consistency, but this is not always something we can control, so thank you for your patience.

Again, a special well done to our staff who have shuffled round (and round again) at the drop of a hat and shown great team spirit. We are crawling to half-term, but still smiling. Mrs Strong and Miss Fogg even had a go at emptying the bins – but failed at the first hurdle of getting some of them unlocked! 😊



Breakfast Club

Please can you ensure that you have completed the form to request your places for next half-term. If you have already completed the form, you do not need to do it again.

You can find the form here:

[Breakfast Club](#)

Please remember that Breakfast Club payments should be paid in advance and any outstanding payments may mean that we have to ask you not to bring your child to Breakfast Club – which we really don't want to do!

Covid 19

Well done to Y6 who have been working in a 'Bubble'. This has worked a treat to reduce cases and they are now able to reintegrate with the rest of the school. We have taken the precautionary measure of asking three classes to work in a 'Bubble' again due to a rise in cases of

Covid in these classes. They have done a brilliant job of quickly adapting to this. We will keep this in place until cases in these classes drop again.

We currently have no further classes at risk of having to do this, but things can change very quickly.

Please remember to report all Covid 19 related information to:

covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

In line with our Outbreak Management Plan, we are constantly in contact with Derbyshire Public Health and taking their advice. We will ramp up measures whenever they are needed and reduce as necessary. The current guidance is that all children who are well and not testing positive should come to school.

It is not compulsory for children of primary age to do regular Lateral Flow Device testing, but some of our parents and pupils are choosing to do so on a regular basis and have been proven to catch positive cases early. These tests are intended if you are asymptomatic. You can order tests for your family here if this is something you feel you would like to do: [Order LFD Tests](#)



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We would always suggest a PCR test if your child has been a possible contact of someone who has tested positive.

Due to GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) we are unable to share any further information with you about Covid cases in the school, even if you ask. Whilst we know that it is concerning to know that there are cases in our community, we have to follow the legal rules to protect the identity of those who are infected. Some other local schools are choosing not to inform the school community, but we think it is only right that we let you know. Thank you for your understanding.

New Menu

Our new menu for school lunches will start after half-term. You can view it here:

[Menu](#)

Term Dates

Just a reminder that **school will close to pupils at the end of the day on Thursday 21 October.**

Friday 22 October is the day we have chosen to take as our 'Bank Holiday' in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday next June. Monday 1 November is a designated INSET Day. Therefore, **children should return to school on Tuesday 2 November.**

Punctuality Letters

We have sent out some punctuality letters this week to offer our support to those of you who find morning routines tricky. Thank you to everyone who arrives at school on time – before the gate closes at 8.55am.

Children in Reception who arrive late should be brought directly to the office, as once the gates are locked, we need to account for all visitors on site and safeguard the rest of the school.

Thank you everyone for your support.

School Photographs

We welcomed our photographer into school this week. This afternoon, your child should bring home information about how you can order prints. We will be posting out a copy of this for parents who live at a different address.

We have had lots of questions from parents of children who have been absent from school regarding photographs. We can't make any promises for a mop-up session at the moment due to the photographer being so busy, but if the opportunity arises, of course, we will let you know.

SEND Questionnaire

We have been asked to share the following questionnaire. If your child is on our SEND register or has SEND needs, then please feel free to complete it.

[SEND Questionnaire](#)

Have your circumstances changed?

We are more than aware that the Government Furlough Scheme has now finished. In addition, there has been a reduction of the £20 per week uplift to Universal Credit. We know that many of our families are likely to feel the pinch. Please remember that we can support you in many ways, including supporting you to access food banks.

If you feel you would like some support, please do contact ppod@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk for a confidential chat to see how we can help you.

Get Well Soon!

Sending our very best get well wishes to all of our school community who are feeling under the weather at the moment. We hope you are back with us all soon.



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Pirate Day in Y2

Tuesday 19 October is Pirate Day in Year 2! The children have been studying the book 'The Pirates of Scurvy Sands' by Johnny Duddle and have been planning their own pirate adventure stories. On the day, children can come dressed as pirates. Please do not feel you have to buy costumes. A simple, stripy top or old shirt and jeans can make a marvellous outfit! They will learn to talk like a pirate, learn to follow directions to find buried treasure and role-play sailing the seven seas. It's sure to be a great day and will really bring our class book to life.



Hello Yellow

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Hello Yellow Day. The total we have raised for Young Minds so far is £184.00.

Y6 – White Hall Payments

We would appreciate it if you could update your child's account by October 31. The amount payable is £50.00 (£25.00 for those children who receive the Pupil Premium). Thank you.

Of course, if you wanted to pay it all off at once – you are very welcome to do so.

Safeguarding Update – Squid Game

It has been brought to our attention that some children in school have been watching the new Netflix show, 'Squid Game'. This show is rated 15+ and contains some very adult content which is highly inappropriate for primary school children.

If we hear children discussing this in school, we will be calling parents so you are aware they have been watching it.

Please click on this link to be directed to 'Ineqe Safeguarding Group' which highlights in more detail why this programme is not appropriate.

[Squid Game](#)

EYFS Superhero Day!

On **Wednesday 20 October**, the children in Reception are invited to come to school in a super-outfit of their choice. This may be a superhero, real life hero or their own personal idol; someone that they think is super! We will be using this day to do our very own Super-Hero training and looking at what makes each and every one of us super.

Just a reminder that it is not expected that parents spend money on outfits, we are sure with a bit of creativity you can use what you already have!

"I think a hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles"

- Superman





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Have a lovely weekend everyone – see you on
Monday!

