



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 5 November 2021

Welcome Back!

We were so pleased to see everyone back on Tuesday. We hope you all had a great break.

Whilst local Covid cases seem to have fallen in the local area, we remain cautious. Thank you to all parents who are helping us by sticking to the one-way system, one parent per family on pick up and wearing face coverings to help to reduce risk on our school site. We really appreciate it!

Please continue to e-mail any Covid related information to covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk so that we can log cases and report accordingly.

We know things can change very quickly, so we will be continuing with online assemblies, wearing face coverings and all our extra preventative measures in school for the time being. Thank you to all of you for your support in this.

The current guidance is that all children who are well and not testing positive should come to school.

Whilst it is not compulsory for children of primary age to do regular Lateral Flow Device testing, they do 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](#)

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

National Online Safety

Please check out this link for support for online safety: [Online Safety](#)

Change to PE Days – starting next week

So that we can rotate the use of our Sports Coach, we have adjusted our PE Days slightly. The **changes take effect from Monday 8 November and are in bold:**

EYFS	Friday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Monday and Tuesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5	Sycamore - Wednesday and Thursday Rowan - Thursday and Friday
Year 6	Thursday

Please remember that PE kit should be:

Shorts/jogging bottoms: grey or black

T-shirt: plain white (not crop top or vest top)

Hoodie or fleece: grey, black or burgundy

Trainers

As the weather is getting colder, it is advisable to wear jogging bottoms rather than shorts.

Starting school - September 2022

We have a couple more visiting days lined up. Please click on the link for more information and share with your friends:

[School Tours - Reception 2022](#)

[School Place Application Leaflet](#)

Cricketing Success

Well done to Autumn in Y4 who has been chosen to play cricket with Derbyshire County Cricket Club Under 11 girls' squad – training starts next month. Good luck Autumn!



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Children in Need

We will be raising money for Children in Need on **Friday 19 November**. (Please note we published this incorrectly on our calendar of events earlier this term).

Children are invited to come to school either in their pyjamas or in non-uniform. Please note that if it is your child's PE day, wearing something appropriate for this would be helpful too.

We **recommend a £1.00 donation to Children in Need** payable via Parent Pay – this is now available for you to do. Of course, if you would like to donate more to this very worthy cause, that would be warmly welcomed.

When choosing outfits – please remember that children need to be warm enough for the weather!



Do you shop online?

Whilst it's always good to shop local to protect our high streets, we all need to buy online from time to time – especially in the run up to Christmas. **Friends of Swanwick** have set up two accounts for our school to help us to bring in some funds:

[Easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org)
[Amazon Smile](https://www.amazon.co.uk/smile)

These are essentially charitable cashback schemes for online shopping. They are super simple to use and we are hoping that we might be able to encourage as many parents and staff as possible to use them when doing both general online shopping but in particular, Christmas shopping, as this should yield a reasonable amount for us.

If you can, please sign up for the schemes (and share with your family and friends) and use them when you shop online.

New Menu

Our new menu for school lunches has now started. You can view it here:

[Menu](#)

Christmas Lunch – book your child's dinner

Our Christmas Lunch will be served on **Wednesday 15 December**. So that our Catering Team can complete their orders, we ask that you book your child's Christmas Dinner. This is open to all children. **You should book a dinner for each child even if they always have a school lunch.** Please ensure you **book by Friday 26 November**. Sorry, but no orders can be taken after this date. **Don't forget to mention any dietary requirements.**

[Order Christmas Dinner - one form per child](#)

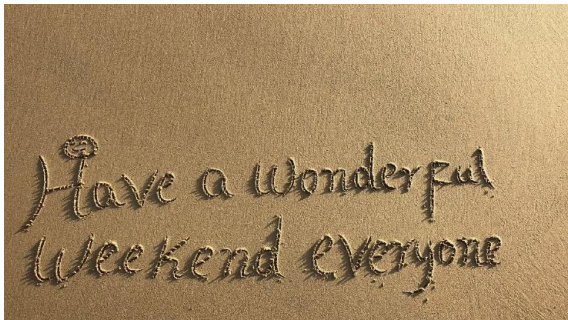


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Driving and parking around school

Please can we remind parents that the areas where the yellow zigzag lines are should not be used as a turning point. This week we have seen several parents doing three-point-turns, reversing right back to the pavement where children are walking on their way to and from school. We know that children can be unpredictable and might not stick to the pavement. A near miss has been observed this week – and we urge you all to help us to keep your children safe.

In respect of our neighbours and wheelchair/pushchair users, please can we again remind you not to park on pavements or on the road calming bumps which have been resurfaced this week. Thank you for parking considerately.



See you all on Monday!