



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 10 December 2021

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and co-operation. We continue to be incredibly short-staffed (doing the Swanwick Staffing Shuffle every day) and we are doing our very best. It will take us longer at times to respond to your correspondence, but we will go as fast as we can! Well done to all our staff (and the children of course) for being superstars!

'Plan B' C19 Update

You will no doubt have seen/heard in the media that 'Plan B' of the C19 response is now being implemented across the UK. We received some guidance yesterday and would like to share with you the following key points from the guidance:

- Attendance at school is compulsory.
- We will be scaling back the number of visitors we invite into school. It may be that some meetings which have been arranged will be moved to phone/Teams.
- Some safeguarding/SEND meetings may still happen face-to-face. The guidance asks that we only have visitors in school who have a negative LFD test.
- Many parents are still choosing not to wear a face covering on site, even though they may not be exempt. We kindly ask that if you can, that from now on, you do.
- At the moment, the panto is still going ahead. We are seeking advice from Derby Arena and DCC around this. They have only had the information at the same time as everyone else so it may be a few days until we hear back from them. In the meantime - we ask that you don't e-mail school/ask staff if the panto is happening or not - we will communicate to you all when we have more information.



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Covid Update

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 are asked to report on the type and date of any symptoms, the date of any positive LFD tests and the date of any positive PCR tests.

It is important that school is informed of ALL positive cases in children – whether through LFD or PCR tests.

Panto

Consent to go to the pantomime is taken from your contribution on Parent Pay – **we are unable to take children without this.**

We know that this is a bit up-in-the-air at the moment, but **in the event that the panto is cancelled, we will be able to fully refund your money** – although this would be in January due to the money having to transfer between Parent Pay and school.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Fox and her partner John, who are expecting their first baby in Spring.

From Monday 13 December, Mrs Squires will be working in Reception and Miss Fox will be supporting Speech and Language interventions.

Christmas Dinner Day

Thank you to everyone who came today in their Christmas jumpers (or something Christmassy) Don't forget, the next opportunity is to wear something festive is on **Wednesday 15 December** (Christmas Lunch)

If you have not ordered a lunch for your child on this day, then they should bring sandwiches. **We are unable to provide a school dinner for anyone who hasn't ordered one.**



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Christmas Gifts

We have been asked by some parents about buying staff gifts this year. Whilst this is something which is not expected, we are sure staff would be very grateful of such a kind gesture. Please ensure gifts are in school by Friday 17 December where possible. Thank you 😊

Year 4 Visit Egypt!

We all had a great day and it was lovely to see the children dressed in their fabulous costumes. It was a lovely day spent making Egyptian neck collars, masks, canopic jars, weaving and animating. We look forward to sharing some pictures with you next week. *The Year 4 Team*

Flu Immunisation

The Flu Immunisation Team will come back to school to do a mop-up session. This will be on **Tuesday 21 December**. The original letter to sign up for this is still on our website in case you would like to sign up.

[Flu Immunisation](#)

Please direct any questions regarding this to: DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

Reception - Pinxton Puppets

Please make sure you have logged onto your Parent Pay account to ensure you have paid in full. If you haven't activated your account and need help with this, please e-mail info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk and we will do our best to help you as soon as we are able.

Swimming in Y6

Y6 will continue to swim on 14, 21, 28 January and 4 and 11 February.

Healthy Snacks

Just a quick reminder that snacks brought into school for break times should be fresh fruit or vegetables. Thank you 😊

Household Support Fund

Households facing financial hardship can apply to the Household Support Fund for help towards their food, energy and essential living costs.

[Apply here](#)

Breakfast Club Bookings for Term 3

If you are requiring a place(s) for your child(ren) at Breakfast Club in Term 3 (January to February), please can you complete the form and return asap so places can be allocated. Please note, the charge is increasing to £5.00 per session as mentioned earlier this term, and payment is due before attending the session. Failure to pay on time may put your place at risk.

Please can parents of registered Breakfast Club users complete the form (link below) **by Monday 20 December 2021** so that we can process the bookings before the Christmas holidays.

[Breakfast Club Bookings](#)

For new customers, we ask that you contact breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk in the first instance, as we are very limited on spaces.

White Hall

White Hall payments should now be **paid in full**. There will be a parents' meeting via your child's Microsoft Teams account to give you further information. This will be at **Thursday 16 December at 5.00pm**. An invitation will be sent out.



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Our School Council

Well done and thank you to everyone who stood to be on our School Council. There were many very worthy candidates.

Our School Council for this year is:

Ash Class	Eric
Elm Class	Daisy
Birch Class	Charlotte
Pine Class	Emily
Maple Class	Amber
Cedar Class	Henry
Willow Class	Sophia/Mia
Hazel	Oliver
Sycamore	Evie
Rowan	Jayden
Chestnut	Olivia
Oak	Ethan

Miss Holmes

Premier Sport Soccer Coaching

[Premier Sport](#)

Club updates

The following clubs are being organised for after Christmas:

- Y3 Multi-sports
- Y4 Multi-sports
- Y1 Dance

Further information will be sent out to individual year groups when this is ready.

Vacancies

Our cleaning company, Vertas, have asked us to share their vacancies with our community:

[Cleaning Vacancies](#)

We are currently advertising for some Teaching Assistant roles:

[SENTA](#)

[EYFS TA](#)

PE Uniform – a reminder

We have noticed some random items of 'PE Uniform' creeping into school. Please remember, that the following uniform and colours should be worn:

Shorts or jogging bottoms (plain grey or black)
T-shirt (plain white - not crop tops or vest tops)
Hoodie or fleece (Plain black, grey or burgundy)
Trainers

Thank you for your support 😊

PE Days – from January 10 2022

Please note the following changes for **AFTER** the Christmas holiday

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

Classes in Bold have changes.

Starting school - September 2022

Have you applied for your school place yet?

[School Place Application Leaflet](#)

Governor News

Parent Governor Election

Parent Governor nominations closed today. We will inform you of the outcome of this as soon as we know.

Do you have an idea of how we can create space?

Please do get in touch with Wayne Allsopp, Governor at:

Wayne.allsopp@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk if you have any bright ideas 😊



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Tricky Christmas for children?

It is recognised that changes in routine, especially around Christmas, can add to uncertainties for everyone. Here is some information we have received for children with Autism, but we think it would help lots of parents, regardless of your child's needs:

[Christmas Tips](#)

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance>

Do you shop online?

Friends of Swanwick have set up two accounts for our school to help us to bring in some funds:

Easyfundraising.org

Amazon 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.



Tricky Christmas – for the adults

It might be time to share this. Not everyone finds it an exciting and easy time to enjoy:

An Ode to December

'Tis the season to be jolly!' once sang a very wise man.

But for some of you I know out there, this is not part of YOUR plan.

'Have you done it all then?' chimes the chirpy voice of the woman at the till,

When all you want is to do your shop and quickly pay the bill.

The reality for some is different from the perception of the masses.

Some just want to hibernate until this Christmas passes.

What doesn't help is journeying to and fro in the dark.

Going to bed as late as you can, but still up with the lark.

When was the last time someone you know had a heart-felt cuddle?

Guess that's not your top question as you tuck into the fuddle.

It may be that a loved one has been lost, or suffering,

You're unsure and scared, or terrified of what this time can bring.

Whilst it might LOOK like those alone are always on the go,

Please invite them when you can, it may not quite be so.

I suppose it is important to give a balanced view, There are those of us out there who LOVE this Christmas too.

Whether you're a part of excited gang or Bah Humbug crew,

Just be mindful there'll be someone who'll think differently to you.

Whatever your perception of what this Christmas time should be,

Remember it's the presence of great love, and not the tree.

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