



SWANWICK STORY

Thursday 22 October 2020

We did it!

Our first half-term of this school year is complete. Parents and carers have supported the rules in order for us to keep everyone safe. Well done everyone!

Our Governors have adjusted to new ways of working via Microsoft Teams to have their meetings. They have been super-supportive of the school during this time.

A huge well done and congratulations to our staff. They have: worked tirelessly to adjust to new ways of working to support the children back into school; covered lots of extra playground duties and lunch duties so that we can stay within our bubbles and keep themselves and the children safe; covered for staff absence; and all with a smile on their face!



And of course, our children are the reason we are here. They have settled into school far better than we could ever have imagined. It has been brilliant to see them back in school- happy, smiling and learning. The sound of children's voices is definitely something we missed a lot last year! 😊

Absences

Please can you help out our admin team by making sure that you inform us by e-mail or telephone if your child is not going to be in school. This would be really appreciated.

Breakfast Club

If you have not already done so, please could you e-mail your Breakfast Club requirements to breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

Please make sure you include your child's full name, class, year group and the sessions you require in the e-mail.

Secondary School Admissions

Just a reminder that your application should be made by October 31.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/secondary-admissions/secondary-school-admissions.aspx>

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Usually at this time of year, we sell poppies to raise money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. We couldn't think of a safe way to do this in school this year, but will still observe two minutes of silence at 11.00am on 11 November. We encourage you all to support the appeal, either by donating and wearing a poppy sourced from local shops and supermarkets, or by donating online to this very worthy cause. Wear your poppy with pride!



<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

A message for Y3

After half-term, Y3 will be following instructions and making their own woolly mammoths!

Please can you bring in an empty, washed, 4 pint/ 2.2l milk carton, with the lid on after the holiday. If you have more than one, Y3 would be grateful for spares.





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Super Reception!

A big thank you from all of the adults in EYFS- we had an absolutely SUPER day yesterday! The children enjoyed being dressed up and it really sparked their imaginations. They spent the day writing about their superheroes, drawing their costumes, completing some team work challenges in the hall together and creating their own super gadgets and hideouts. It was absolutely the best way to end our 'What makes me super?' enquiry!



End of School

Thank you so much to parents for helping us to keep your younger children safe whilst waiting for older siblings. We have noticed a much calmer end to the day.

Some neighbours and parents on Pentrich Road have asked us to remind the older children not to overtake slower-moving pedestrians on the pavement and go onto the road. This is a very busy main road with many parked cars – it's difficult for drivers to see children stepping out into the road whilst negotiating the traffic and parked cars. Please can you remind your children of this so that we can keep them safe. Thank you.

Attendance

Attendance is **UP** again this week!

This week's whole school average attendance is **96.8%** - well done all! Year 6 deserve a mention with 99.4% - great work Y6!

We are so proud of our attendance achievements. Let's continue to work together to keep improving.

Remote Learning

Everyone should now have received their brown envelope with information about Remote Learning. Today, your child should be bringing home an

exercise book. Please keep this safe – it can be used for your child to work in if there is a Bubble closure.

Please note that the Remote Learning offer is something the Government have asked all schools to have in place **just in case** we have to close a Bubble.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Continuing with our theme of Five Ways to Wellbeing, this week we looked at how we can TAKE NOTICE to make ourselves feel better.

Here are some ways in which you can take notice: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubdYoQkpjAY&s_afe=active

We watched some opening credits to 'Coronation Street' over the years, trying to spot what was the same and what was different. Well done to these classes for getting their ideas to Miss Fogg's office after assembly:

Mrs Hilditch – Y4
Mr Morris – Y2
Miss Holmes – Y6
Miss Calderbank/Mrs Picker – Y3

Why don't you try it out yourself and have a trip down Memory Lane?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrWV10IH8TA&s_afe=active

INSET Day and Half-Term Holiday

A reminder that Friday 23 October is an INSET Day. The school will be closed to children on this day. This is also the start of our half-term holiday – school will reopen on Monday 2 November.

We hope that all of our families and staff enjoy a well-earned rest and continue all of the great work so far in keeping our community safe.

