



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 16 October 2020

Stay safe everyone

The news this week has highlighted how very close we are to areas in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire who are in tier two lockdowns. We ask everyone to follow the rules set out by the Government and to stay safe in order to protect our community.

Remember to wear your mask around school and to observe social distancing. A reminder also to observe the unofficial one-way system on the pavement near school on South Street. Please use the pavement near the pedestrian gate to approach school and the pavement near the car park gate to leave school.

Thank you everyone.

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.

Appointments during school time

Wherever possible, we ask that parents organise medical appointments etc. outside of school hours.

However, we do understand that this is not always possible. If your child does have an appointment, please let the office know info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk in advance. We will let the class teacher know. It is important that we know in advance so that we can make sure we have staff available to support this. Thanks.

Swanwick Friends AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM this week.

We would still love to see new members to help us with fundraising for the school. If you are interested in joining, or if you have any brilliant ideas of how we could raise money during these very special times, we would love to hear from you!
swanwickfriends@gmail.com

Super Reception!

On Wednesday 21 October, our Reception children are invited to dress up as someone super! This may be a Superhero, a 'real life' Superhero such as emergency service workers, or someone else who they think is super. Please ensure outfits are still weather appropriate and, if possible, a bit of coaching may be required for those in onesies to help with toileting. No donations are required for this. We will be using the day to round off our 'What makes me Super?' enquiry for the half term. We can't wait to see them!



Should you not be able to get an outfit, we do have some available in class that the children can wear. Please catch either Miss Mallard or Miss Randall at the end of the day this week and something can be arranged.



End of School

Whilst waiting for your children at the end of the day, please can we ask that younger children stay with an adult. Some parents and staff have expressed concerns about the safety and behaviour of some children waiting for siblings.

Some children have been seen picking up sticks, hitting trees, running between staff cars and generally running around. We know it is really tricky to stop children from running in open spaces, but it is important that we keep everyone safe.

Thank you to all parents for your support.



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Attendance

Attendance is still going well, although there is a little dip this week.

This week's whole school average attendance is **96.4%** - well done all! Year 3 deserve a mention with 98.1%.

Let's see if we can really end this half-term with an improvement –only four days next week!

Mobile Phones

Please remember that pupils should not be bringing mobile phones to school.

School Photographs

Usually our photographer comes into school during the Autumn Term to take photos of individual children and sibling groups. We hope to organise this for some time in the Spring or Summer terms this year when we hope we will have less pressure on our indoor spaces.

#HelloYellow

As promised, we have an update for you on our fundraising last week for #helloyellow.



£185.00 has been raised so far. It is not too late to donate via Parent Pay. The collection will close on November 1st.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Mental Health and Wellbeing

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

Evidence suggests that physical exercise changes your brain chemistry and releases happy hormones which make you feel more positive.

Hot House Music

On Wednesday we were treated to a fantastic musical extravaganza by our new friends at Hot House Music.



Jon Eno BEM, the CEO of Hot House, led the assembly from our school hall. It was streamed across the school live via Microsoft Teams. We were lucky enough to see a myriad of instruments: piano, drums, electric guitar, bass guitar, trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet and three different saxophones!

Some of our Reception children crept to the hall door with Miss Mallard when they heard the group setting up their instruments. They giggled with glee when they heard all the sound effects Jon played on his trumpet – a horse neighing, a police car and a racing car.

The group played so many familiar tunes including Eye of the Tiger and The James Bond Theme. Mrs Frogson's class were able to watch the assembly live from the back of the hall and could identify the theme from Star Wars straight away. Of course – everyone recognised Coronation Street!

A massive thank you to the Hot House team for an uplifting and brilliant performance. The children and staff absolutely loved it!

To find out more about this exciting company, check out their website:

<https://hhmusic.co.uk/>

You can also follow them on all social media platforms.



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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>

Year 2 Pirate Day

Ahoy me hearties! What a fantastic day we had on Pirate Day in Year 2 and all the children looked amazing! The children really enjoyed acting and talking like pirates for the day. Thank you so much for supporting us by providing the children with such wonderful costumes.

Ms Fisher and Mrs Holdsworth.

INSET Day

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.

