



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 11 December 2020

The Final Countdown!

With one more week to go before we break up for the Christmas holidays, we are very pleased to say that the greatest majority of our staff are now back in school. We do still have some key people missing, but we are getting there!

We are keeping everything crossed for a smooth final week and a very well-earned rest for everyone.

School will close for the holidays at the end of **Friday 18 December 2020 and reopen to children on Tuesday 5 January 2021.**

Monday 4 January is an INSET Day, when **school will be closed to children.**

Let us all work together to stay apart so that we can be together with our special people at Christmas.

Breakfast Club

We thank you for your patience whilst we have had to keep Breakfast Club closed due to staffing shortages. We know that the club is an important resource for working parents and we can't begin to imagine what a juggling act it has been for you. Thank you!

We will be working on any remaining refunds due to you over the next week.

The good news is that we are re-opening Breakfast Club on **Monday 11 January**. Please make sure you e-mail your requirements to breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk so that we can start to forward plan.

Christmas Dinner

A big thank you to Miss Shacklock and our catering team for a scrumptious Christmas Dinner this week. Some of our children brought in festive packed lunches. Miss Fogg spotted snowman shaped sandwiches, a star shaped piece of cucumber and a mince pie in one lunch box!

Walking on the school site

Please can we ask parents to remind their children to walk around the school site and stay with their adult if they are with one as it can be very slippery. Thank you.

Vodafone Data

We still have a small number of SIM cards to provide data for those families who do not have access to it and need some data to access Remote Learning. If you think you would really benefit from this, we ask that you contact the PPod by e-mailing Ppod@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

Please do not e-mail the main school e-mail address as you may not get a response.

We ask that parents only ask if they really have a genuine need. All requests will be dealt with sensitively, and will be allocated on a needs-based, first-come-first-served basis.

Chicken Pox

Please be aware that we have had a few reported cases of Chicken Pox in school this week. Parents of children in the affected classes have been informed.



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Y2 Victorian Day

Thank you so much for supporting us with the amazing costumes. The children looked brilliant! We had lots of fun learning like Victorian children: writing on slates; doing drill; sewing for the girls; and technical drawing for the boys.



Flu Immunisations – Final Mop-Up Session

The Immunisation Team will be coming in to school on **Wednesday 16th December** to immunise the children who have missed it due to self-isolating.

If you did not ask for your child to receive the flu vaccine initially but would now like them to receive it, you can use the following link to add their names to the list:

derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu.
Use Code DD112500.

If you are unable to access this link you can telephone them on 01246 252953 and leave a clear message with your child's name, date of birth, and school.

Reception places for September 2021

We are very excited to share our virtual school tour. Please do share it with your contacts – thank you to everyone who has done so already:

<http://www.swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk/new-starter-information/>

You can find out more about applying for a school place by going to

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions_or_telephoning_01629_537499.

The closing date is January 15 2021.

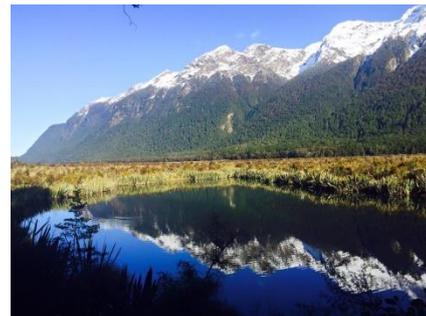
Unfortunately, we are unable to offer visits to the school at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

And this week's assemblies were broadcast from...

It has very much been an Antipodean theme this week. The children have been brilliant at



requesting places where Miss Fogg might have travelled to – when she could! We know that on Monday she was in Adelaide, Australia, but do you know where she was broadcasting from in today's assembly?



Earlier this week, we looked at one of our THRIVE attributes – TRUSTWORTHY. It was a great opportunity to watch Kaa the Snake from The Jungle Book.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCX5JJwkZHU>

Many of our stars of the week this week have shown great TRUSTWORTHINESS.



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Christmas Arrangements

We are publishing some of this again so you can quickly track the information down.

Presents for Staff

We have been asked by a few parents if it is possible for children to bring presents in for staff. Whilst we absolutely don't expect presents, we know that children often want to show their appreciation through a gift (and we know the staff really deserve a visit from Santa this year!)

We have decided that **Christmas presents can be brought into school by Tuesday 15 December at the latest.** This gives enough time for us to "quarantine" the gifts before staff take them home for Christmas. Any gifts brought in after this date will have to be left in school until after the holidays. Thank you for your understanding.

Class Videos

Our staff are busily creating seasonal class videos to share on our website. We hope that we will be able to share these with you by the end of term and **we will let you know when these are ready.** The children will have an opportunity to watch each of the other class videos in school.



Selection Boxes

A massive thank you to Rob & Cheryl Jerram at AVS Scaffolding Ltd, who have donated selection boxes for ALL of our children.

Mr and Mrs S Claus will be visiting us next week to make socially distanced visits to classroom doors to deliver the selection boxes to the children. A massive thank you to them for coming to visit us when we know they are so busy preparing for Christmas Eve.

Please note that if we know your child has dietary requirements, we are sourcing special boxes for them.

Christmas Celebration Day

Each class have been allocated their own Christmas Celebration Day. The days are as follows:

Mon 14 December – Year 1 & Year 2

Tues 15 December – Reception

Wed 16 December – Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5

Thurs 17 December – Year 6

On their allocated day, the following will happen:

- Your child may wear something Christmassy, something pantomime related or non-uniform
- Half of the day will be a Christmas Celebration Party in the classroom with games, activities etc. (Please do not send food in for this)
- Half of the day will be to enjoy our pantomime "Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men" – funded by Friends of Swanwick – thank you! There are some special activities and a Panto Bingo game which we will play during the show.
- Friends of Swanwick have also provided funds for us to buy all children with some sweets and a drink to enjoy during the pantomime.

Celebrating on different days will help us to support the streaming of the pantomime throughout the school.



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COVID-19 – Christmas Holiday Arrangements

Miss Fogg will be on call to support Track and Trace from Friday 18 December up until Christmas Eve. With this in mind, **if your child tests positive** after developing COVID-19 symptoms at any point between 18th-24th December, please ensure you e-mail covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk including the following information:

- Child's full name
- Date of first symptoms
- What the symptoms were, including the type of any cough
- Date of test
- Date of the positive result

Please do not e-mail the usual info@ e-mail, any other e-mail or phone school as these messages will not be picked up.

You do not have to let us know about a child's positive test results after Christmas Day for Track and Trace purposes, but it would be useful for you to let us know of any positive cases so that we can support you.

