



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 2 July 2021

Come on England!

We're sure you will join us in cheering England on in the Euro 2021 final.

We started getting in the spirit today at the beginning and end of assembly with a bit of Three Lions and Sweet Caroline from the Coldstream Guards:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqjGistWklg&list=RDCqjGistWklg&start_radio=1

Whatever the outcome, we know that this is a brilliant achievement for our home team. Therefore, we invite all the children to attend school on **Monday 12 July wearing red and white** if they wish to.

We know that there may be some tired eyes on Monday morning, so if you have a slower start on Monday, you have a **choice of bringing your child to school** between our normal window of **8.40-8.55am OR** arriving between **9.45-9.55am** (This will be the South Street entrance only at the later time). Due to implications on staffing we ask that you stick to one of these time slots.

If your child will be coming in at the later time, then it is really important that you e-mail info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk if your child will require a school dinner before 9.00am on Monday 12 July. Alternatively, they can bring a packed lunch.

#itscominghome

Breakfast Club Bookings for Autumn 2021

Booking is now open. Please book your places by e-mailing:

breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

Update - Covid 19

As we have mentioned previously, all of our current measures will stay in place until the end of this term.

We have seen an increase in the amount of parents using the dedicated e-mail address to communicate information about Covid tests – thank you!

Please do use our e-mail address: covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk for anything Covid related.

There have been positive cases reported in other local schools this week. Please continue to help us to keep our school community safe by using our one-way system, wearing a face-covering if you can, socially distancing, only one adult collecting at hometime and not entering the school building.

We would hate to have a bubble burst now that we are so close to the end of term! Thank you for all your ongoing support and understanding.

Moving on up!



Today, children have enjoyed a morning with next year's teacher and have been able to meet the teaching assistants who will be working in the classroom. The school has had a real buzz about it!



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A big thank you to all the staff for the hard work they have put in to make it an enjoyable morning.

A special mention goes to our Reception Team, who created a morning full of activities in the hall for our Y6 children, many of whom have not been able to enjoy a transition day to their secondary school. Our Y6 pupils did themselves proud, engaging in cup challenges, table tennis, stop-motion videos, Lego building, watercolour painting, marble runs and junk modelling.

End-of-year reports

These will be issued on **Friday 16 July**. Apologies for the misalignment of day/date in previous information.

A copy of the report will be sent home for parents with the child on this day. This report is intended for the parent(s) who are the primary carer or first contact on our system. Where there is a second parent at another address, these will be posted out on Friday evening.

Sports Days

This week, many year groups have worked incredibly hard, showing off their teamwork and sporting prowess during their Sports Days.

Reception and Year One weren't so lucky with the weather, but their enthusiasm and excitement meant the day could still go ahead in the hall. They completed a circuit of team challenges to see who could help their team score the most points, and showed they are the best-of-the-best when it comes to an egg-and-spoon race!

Years 2 made use of the hall too, excelling at the speed bounce and showing fantastic levels of coordination and control!

Years 3, 4 and 5 had the sunshine make an appearance for their special day and made use of

our field. They each had some dazzling team events, the favourites being discuss, javelin and the penalty shoot-out against Miss Wright! Whilst some were able to complete their individual races, other year groups are saving this for another, sunnier day.

Year 6 took on Sports Day as their own project. They devised different events with rules and scoring systems, and planned and managed the day themselves. The stand-out stations of their activity circuit had to be the 'Duck Walk Limbo' and 'Pong' games.

The children showed a lot of grit and determination, but above all else had an absolutely fantastic time during their Sports Days. They made us all incredibly proud with their performances and attitudes, and wonderful levels of sportsmanship. Well done boys and girls!

Miss Mallard and Mrs Turner

Please note – we are still collating the photographs from all the different days, so we will get them out to you as soon as they are all in!

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As you may know, the Queen will celebrate her Platinum Jubilee in June next year. Since the Public Bank Holiday falls naturally into the school holiday, Derbyshire County Council have asked schools to organise a date where school staff are able to take the extra day.

Therefore, we have added Friday 22 October 2021 as a day when school will be closed to all staff and pupils.

Here are our Term Dates as a reminder for you: [Term Dates and Inset Days 2021-2022](#)



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Gifts for Staff

We have been asked about arrangements for children who wish to bring gifts in for members of staff. Whilst we absolutely don't expect parents to buy gifts, we do realise that children might want to say thank you in this way (we are also certain that the staff deserve a thank you after this very special year!).

Therefore, if you would like to bring a gift, we ask that they are in school no later than Friday 16 July so that we can ensure there has been a weekend in between before staff take them home to enjoy.

Y6 Events

Don't forget it is the picnic on Thursday 15 July 4.30-5.30pm (children and staff only) and the celebration event on Teams on Tuesday 20 July 6.00-7.00pm.

We are currently getting more information together for Y6 parents and will send it out via Parent Hub as soon as we can.

Ahoy Reception!

Ahoy! Reception are having a Pirate Day on **Friday 16th July**. Children are invited to dress up in their best Pirate outfits (weather appropriate, please!) for a day of nautical fun. Please remember that there is no need to buy anything special – just use what you have and be creative!



Swimming

Swimming is a statutory part of the National Curriculum and the expectation is that all children can swim 25m unaided by the time they leave primary school.

Due to all the disruption during the last two academic years, we will be focusing on ensuring Y5 and Y6 have the opportunity to attend swimming lessons with school.

Y6 will swim during the Autumn Term 2021. Y5 will swim during the Spring Term 2022. We will then assess the situation and let parents know what the plan for swimming will be thereafter.

Mrs Turner, one of our PE & Sport Leaders will be in touch with the parents of next year's Y6 (current Y5) soon with more details.

Once the Autumn Term is underway, Mrs Turner will then contact parents of next year's Y5 with more information.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance is 92.84% this week.

We have had a lot of families self-isolating this week.

Well done to Y3 this week with the highest average of 95.39% this week.





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Messages from our Early Help Team

As the holidays approach, our colleagues from the Early Help Team asked us to remind our school community about Young Minds. Their website has a plethora of information to support mental health and wellbeing.

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

They have also shared with us the latest Amber Valley update:

[Amber Valley Community Update](#)

Dinner Money and Breakfast Club Payments

Please make sure you keep your accounts up-to-date as we approach the end of term. Thank you



Have a lovely weekend everyone. And remember – whether it comes home or not – COME ON ENGLAND!