



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 4 December 2020

Hello Everyone!

This is a super-long episode of the Swanwick Story. Please keep reading all the way to the very end as every single bit of information is important! We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Staffing News

We are keeping our fingers and toes crossed that staff continue to return to school. We still have a significant amount of staff not in, but this is improving on a daily basis. Thank you so much parents for continuing to support us and checking the information we have already sent out before contacting us. It really is helping.

Tier 3 in Amber Valley

We might be out of lockdown, but Amber Valley is in Tier 3. We ask all of our school community to continue to follow the rules so that we can all have an enjoyable Christmas. When we contact the DfE for advice, they always state social distancing as being a key indicator to trace close contacts. Let's all have an extra push and stay apart so that we can eventually be together – we can do it!

Rotary Club Donation!

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Alfreton who have donated £50 towards Christmas activities for the children in our school.

Alex Timpson ARC Attachment Award

A massive well done to our school for winning this award last month.

The Alex Timpson ARC Attachment Award recognises and celebrates best practice in attachment and trauma aware schools and settings.

We were nominated for this National Award by Derbyshire Virtual School.

A big thank you and well done to Mrs Walton and Mrs Stone who lead on Attachment Awareness at SPS. Their amazing work in the PPod and across the school has earned us £1000 to spend on resources to further improve our provision. If you would like to find out more about the award, please check out this website.

<https://the-arc.org.uk/attachment-award>

Let me take you by the hand and lead you through the streets of LONDON!



On Monday, the Year 1 children had a fantastic time dressing up as 'London Folk' as part of their topic on the Great Fire of London. After learning all about London Landmarks and the history of the Fire, we wanted the children to experience the life of a Londoner. The children were very creative with their outfits including a double decker bus, soldiers, celebrities and Mary Poppins to name a few!

The teachers felt very lucky. After all- It isn't every day you get to complete subtraction with her Royal Highness the Queen of England, enjoy break time with the fashion designer Mary Quant and eat your lunch with the bakers of Pudding Lane!



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Thank you to all the adults who helped make this day so special – especially the parents who sourced the costumes!



Parents' Meetings

We hope to reschedule Parents' Meetings in January. We will send the information out again when we feel our staffing is more stable.

Vodafone Data

We have received 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.

Free School Meals - Christmas Vouchers

Derbyshire County Council have informed us they will be undertaking the distribution of the Christmas vouchers for children who are eligible for Free School Meals – excluding Universal Infant Free School Meals.

To undertake this, DCC will be contacting eligible parents via email or Mobile phones to arrange distribution. Therefore, if you have changed your mobile number or e-mail address since July, please can you let the office know the changes. Please e-mail info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk asap. You will need to provide the parent's name, the number or email to be removed from your child's record, along with the new mobile number or e-mail address.

Also, please can you include names of all children in your family who qualify, along with their class and year group as each individual record has to be changed.

We have to send the information to Matlock at the end of the day on Monday 7 December. Therefore, we would appreciate the information asap.
Thank you.

COVID-19

Please remember that if there is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19, we will always follow advice and our risk assessment. If your child receives a positive test for COVID 19, then it is important that you inform us **immediately** by telephoning us or e-mailing a special e-mail address: covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk .

We ask that you do not use this e-mail for anything other than a **positive test of a child**.

So that she has the right information to pass on to the DfE/PHE, Miss Fogg will give you a call to check some details – even if it is the weekend or evening.

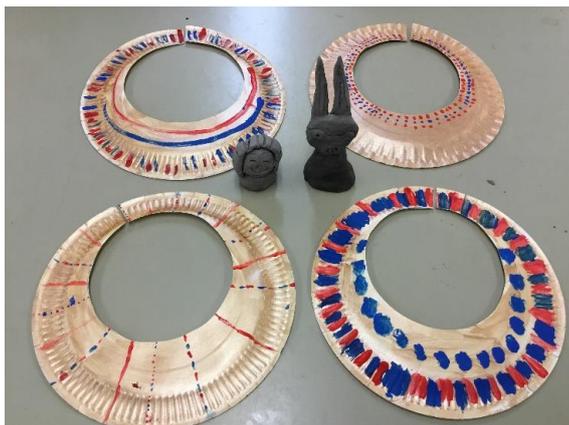


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Y4 Egyptian Day

Wow! What a wonderful time we all had on our Egyptian day. We fully immersed ourselves in Ancient Egypt. The day started with some Egyptian music. This was followed by making traditional Canopic jars out of clay and some exquisite jewellery. We finished our exciting day with some hieroglyphic art.

The children looked absolutely fantastic and we really appreciate the effort you all made to make our day so much fun.



Our new website!

We are so excited that our new website is finally live. We know that it isn't perfect and that we still have a lot of tweaks to do. However, it is much easier to navigate and looks very smart! There is currently no facility for log-ins.

Why don't you take a look?

<https://www.swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk/>

Breakfast Club

We know how important this resource is to working parents and how much you are missing it. Due to our current staffing situation, **Breakfast Club will remain closed until further notice.**

As soon as we are able to open, we will let you know, but we can't currently make any promises about when that will be.

Victorian Day – Y2

On Tuesday 8 December, Y2 will be having a Victorian Day. Children are invited to come to school in Victorian style clothes – and the teachers will dress up too! There will be some Victorian style lessons including a lesson drill!



Remote Learning

We are so proud of our children and staff (and parents of course!) who have engaged so well with Remote Learning. We know you are not teachers, and it's all very new to us too.

A big well done to everyone who has managed to make a difficult situation work so well. Members of staff who have not been leading Remote Learning have joined some of the morning meetings so that they can pick up some top tips – just in case.



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When teachers make 'phone calls home, they do so using a withheld number – they will usually leave a message and make a log of the calls they have made.

We have seen some amazing work coming in to school – thank you so much parents for supporting your child at home whilst juggling your own lives and work too.

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.

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

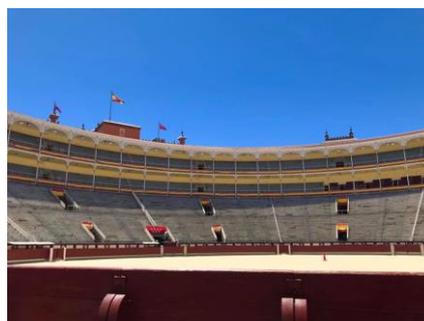
Parent Pay

Due to the fact that some of our admin team are working at home, this may delay updates on your Parent Pay accounts. If you know your child will be having a lunch, we would appreciate it if you could ensure this is paid for in advance. We will try to catch up with ourselves as soon as we can next week.

Is your child dressed for the weather?

It is really important that your child is wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. Please make sure your child has a sweatshirt/cardigan, waterproof shoes and a warm coat. Hat, gloves and scarves might be a good idea too.

And this week's assembly was broadcast from...



Miss Fogg now has a list of places the children would like her to broadcast assemblies from. Does anyone know

where this spectacular place might be?

(We could all do with a little bit of blue sky and sunshine right now!)

Earlier this week, we looked at one of our THRIVE attributes – TEAMWORK. Many of our stars of the week this week have shown great TEAMWORK.

Check out this great teamwork song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XtUIQLRvA&safe=active>



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Christmas Arrangements

There is lots of important information about how we are going to be celebrating Christmas. Please make sure you read the information carefully so that you know what is happening. Some of this information has been shared with you previously.

Christmas Cards

We have already let you know that unfortunately, **we are unable to accommodate Christmas cards** in school this year.

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.

Christmas Dinner

As we have already mentioned, Christmas Dinner will be served on **Wednesday 9 December** in Class Bubbles. We are unable to accommodate extra lunches on this day, but encourage any child who brings a packed lunch to 'make it Christmassy' if they would like to.

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. We are trying to secure a socially distanced visit from Santa Claus to deliver them to classroom doors. 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.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!