



# SWANWICK STORY

**Friday 16 July 2021**

## **Thank you**

A massive thank you to our school community for all your support and best wishes this week.

We have a significant number of staff absences which is making it increasingly harder to operate, but we will continue to do our best and try to get to the end of term as best we can.

Communication is currently very busy and we have limited admin support, so please do bear with us.

## **A message from our Chair of Governors**

*'As we approach the end of the year, it's clear that COVID is still challenging us. I know from discussions with the school that the team are working very hard to limit the impact of this as far as possible, and looking to make the end of term as enjoyable as possible for the children. Fingers crossed for a smooth end to the year. Where there are issues, the school are taking direct feedback from DFE on what steps are required within school. We're really sad about the impact it's having on the children, staff and parents; as a school community I hope we can all help and support each other as we approach the end of a very difficult year.'*

*Mr Gareth Hughes*

## **End-of-year Reports**

Your child should be coming home with their end-of-year report today. If your child is not in school, it will either come home with a sibling or be put in the post for you.

The report coming home today 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.

## **Covid-19**

We are keeping our fingers crossed that we do not have to make any further closures.

Please do continue to use our e-mail address:

[covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk)

for anything Covid related.

We will be continuing with our current measures all the way to and including the last day of term (Thursday 22 July) We ask that you 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Welcome to our Reception class of 2021-2022**

We have been busy behind the scenes with transition activities for our new upcoming Reception Classes. We would like to extend a very warm SPS welcome to our new starters and their families.

The Swanwick Story is published every week and is always full of important information about the life of our very busy school.

## **Breakfast Club Bookings for Autumn 2021**

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

[breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk)



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## Well done England!

Thank you to those parents who took the time to say thank you for the later start offered on Monday. The school was awash with red and white (and a bit of blue too!)

We explored our thoughts and feelings about the brilliant achievement of England getting to the final in assembly and some children from Mr Blount-Hogg's class read out their letters to Gareth Southgate or players.

And from the mouths of babes:

*"You may not have won the match, but you have won the hearts of the nation."*



#itscominghome

## Reading books

Please could you check if you have any books from our reading scheme at home. We still have lots of unreturned books from the first lockdown. These books are a great resource to the school and really benefit the children's reading progression. We would appreciate it if you have a good rummage and send in anything you find.

We will be holding on to the children's reading records and reading packets in Reception and Year 1 so that these can be passed onto your child's next teacher.

## Sports Day Photos



[Find more photos here...](#)

## Children's books

We will be sending home the children's books and artwork from displays next week.

We will provide a labelled bag for each child's belongings.

We will be holding onto a small sample of children's work from each class as evidence of progression and to show what learning looks like at Swanwick Primary School. If your child's books are chosen you will be notified. There will of course still be an opportunity to see the work.

## 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.

Mrs Strong is working on ensuring any surplus money in Y6 accounts is ParentPay for you to access. Please do e-mail [info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you need any support with this.



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## Medicines in School

All medication which is currently in school will be sent home with the children on the last day of term. This will include Epi Pens, inhalers and oral medications. The class teachers will return any oral medications directly to parents/carers.

On our return in September, all medications which are required should be brought back to school on the first day. It would be much appreciated if all items are clearly labelled and a new, signed parental consent form is completed. The forms can be found on our website **here**:

[Medicine Request Form](#)

Mrs Blaydon will be outside at the South Street entrance on the first day back (Monday 6 September) to receive all medications along with signed forms. Please note, a signed parental consent form should be filled out for all medications including inhalers and Epi Pens.

*Mrs Blaydon*

## 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](#)

## Y6 News

A big hello and a wave to our Y6 children!

We will continue to communicate with parents as clearly and as often as we can up to the end of term.

We look forward to the **Y6 Leavers' Celebration** on **Tuesday 20 July on Microsoft Teams at 6.00pm.**

## Y6 Picnic – New Date

We have been working hard to find a new date for the Y6 picnic. We have checked with our legal team and we remain fully insured to have the children on site after Thursday.

We would like to invite all Y6 children to a picnic on the school field (hall if the weather is inclement) on **Tuesday 27 July, 9.00am-10.00am.** In light of the timing of the picnic, it will be more brunch than tea.

Staff have worked together to find a date when we can ensure we have appropriate safeguarding leads and first aiders on site.

We know that it is not possible to find a date to suit everyone, and we are so sorry if your child is not able to make this date. However, we thank you for your understanding and thank the staff wholeheartedly for giving up some of their summer holiday to support this really important event for the children.

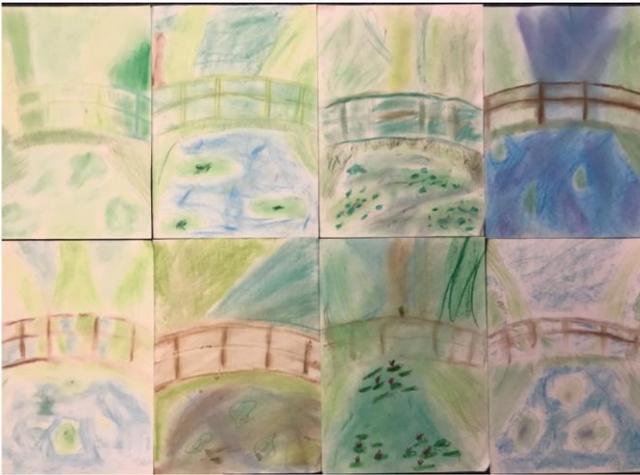
***Please keep a look out – we are putting together a letter especially for Y6 parents with further information for you, including more information about the picnic.***



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## Year 4 Monet Work

Year 4 have been looking at art inspired by Monet. We have experimented with different mediums and the finished pieces were wonderful. Well done Year 4!



## Annual Update Forms

As most of you will be aware, we usually send out the Annual Update Forms which includes contact numbers, permissions for the pupils etc. with the reports.

As the reports are going out later this year and the term will close next Thursday, we have decided to leave this request until the pupils return in September. We will forward you an electronic Microsoft Form at the beginning of September for you to complete and return if you have any changes.

If you have any changes of details which you would like us to have now, please complete the update form which can be found here:

[Pupil Information Update Form](#)

Thank you

## Y3 Carnival

Year 3 had a fantastic carnival day last Thursday. It was just like a day at the Rio Carnival. Everyone was dressed in their most colourful clothes. The children created masks, hats and floats to go and parade with Samba music playing. They paraded their floats around the school.



*Thank you all for your continued support at this time. We couldn't do it without you!*

*A massive shout out to all our staff at SPS. Just when we think there is not an extra mile to be had – they go another one.*

*Thank you everyone – for everything.*

