



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 11 June 2021

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term with your families. It was brilliant to have some decent weather to enjoy 😊

Thank you to everyone who participated in our surveys before the holiday. More news follows later in this newsletter.

Covid 19

We continue to ask parents to inform us of any positive cases within their family by e-mailing: covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

There have been reported positive cases in our local community in the last week. Please continue to be vigilant in order to keep us all safe.

Holidays During Term Time & Attendance

There continues to be a sharp rise in requests for exceptional leave at the moment. Whilst we consider each request individually, we do not authorise term time holidays. An exceptional leave form is required for all such absences.

We thank those parents who have been transparent about requesting leave for their child for a family holiday.

Exceptional Leave Form

We will be working with our Governors to look at our attendance policy again in the near future.

Whole School Attendance is 95.03% this week.

Well done to Y4 who achieved an average of 96.3% this week.



Keeping safe around water

We have been asked to share this information with you from our Early Help Team. We ask that you ensure your child understands how to keep safe:

[Keeping safe around water June 2021](#)

Tapestry – Urgent message for Y1

Just a reminder that Y1 parents should log into Tapestry to download their child's information by 28th June before the account closes. There is further information on Tapestry and this link may help you too:

<https://youtu.be/l4SMT08B91s>

Breakfast Club Payments

The accounts for this term have been posted on Parent Pay. Please remember that all sessions should be paid for in advance of attending sessions. Thank you for helping us to keep our books balanced!

Y3 Carnival!

As part of our Enquiry about Brazil, we will be having a carnival day in Year 3 on Thursday 8th July. The day will consist of lots of carnival style activities which includes lots of music and dance. We ask that the children come dressed in their brightest coloured clothes – please do not feel the need to buy anything special. It will be a fun day for all!





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Sun Safety

This week, we reminded all children in assembly about the importance of sun safety.

We also celebrated the fact that Monday 7 June was actually National Chocolate Ice Cream Day – who knew? 😊

Some top tips for keeping safe in the sun include:

- SLIP on a t-shirt (which covers the shoulders)
- SLOP on SPF 30+ broad spectrum UVA sunscreen.
- SLAP on a broad brimmed hat.
- SLIDE on quality sunglasses.
- SEEK SHADE from the sun whenever possible.



Further information from the NHS about sun safety can be found here:

[Sun Safety](#)

We ask that parents ensure that their child:

- **Comes to school wearing sun cream.** (Unfortunately, we don't have the capacity to put sun cream on children.)
- **Has a water bottle** so that they can keep hydrated during the day.
- **Brings a named sun hat to school.**

We have had a chat with the teaching staff, and they will be rewarding team points for those children who remember to bring a sun hat into school and wear it when necessary.

It is always great to see our parents and staff leading by example, wearing their sun hats too!

If the weather is looking unpredictable, it is always best to slop on some sun cream – just in case! We continue to ask that all children **bring a coat every day**.

Hay fever season

We know there are many children (and adults!) who suffer from hay fever. Wherever possible, we ask that parents administer any medication before school so that your child is comfortable during the school day. If it is necessary for your child to take medication in school, please contact Mrs Blaydon

victoria.blaydon@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

to discuss your child's needs and to organise a medication form which can be found here:

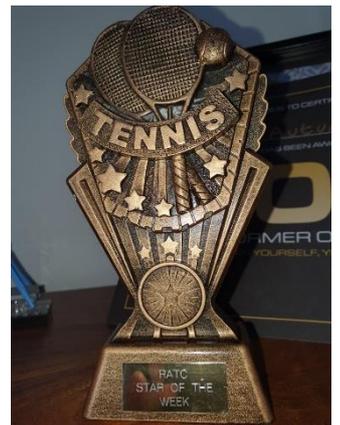
[Medication Form](#)



A cap and sunglasses can also help to keep symptoms at bay whilst outdoors.

A big well done goes to...

Autumn in Y3, who has been awarded Performer of the Week at the Pauline Quirke academy of Performing Arts and been chosen to perform at Her Majesty's Theatre in the West End. In a spare five minutes she has also won Player of the Week at her tennis club. A fantastic week – well done!





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Sports Mornings/Afternoons

As previously mentioned, we have organised a sports morning or afternoon for each year group in lieu of a Sports Day this year so that we can maintain bubble integrity.

Please remember that we are unable to invite parents at this time. Sorry 😞

Please see the grid below to see when your child's events will be.

On the day, your child should **wear appropriate sports kit, sun cream a sun hat** (we are likely to be outside for a long period of time) and to bring a water bottle.

Mrs Turner, Miss Mallard and Miss F Wright will be working with staff in each year group to arrange the events.

Date	AM	PM
Thurs 1 July	Y6	
Mon 5 July		Y3
Tues 6 July	Reception	Y1
Wed 7 July		Y4
Thurs 8 July	Y2	
Fri 9 July	Y5	

PE Kit Days – thinking ahead

We had 94 responses to our survey about PE Kit Days – thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts. A majority of 88 returns were in favour of keeping PE Kit Days from September. This is in line with what many schools are doing across the country.

Therefore, in September, children will wear PE kits on PE days.

With this in mind, we will be having very high expectations of what children do and don't wear on these days. **We will be publishing September expectations and reminders regarding uniform and PE Kit in next week's Swanwick Story.**

What's in a name?

Thank you to all those parents and staff who shared their ideas for class names. We will have a look at them in the next couple of weeks and let you know what we decide. Some brilliant ideas – what a creative bunch you are!

Have a lovely weekend – it looks like it's going to be Hot, Hot, HOT!

