



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 14 January 2022

Happy New Year!

Whilst it seems a bit late in the day to say it – Happy New Year to all of our school community.

You may like to try some of the activities here:

[Happier January](#)

It is so good to see you all back in school as we embark on our Spring Term journey together.

We continue to encounter severe staffing shortages on a daily basis and we thank you for your patience and understanding. Wherever possible, we will endeavour to keep all classes open, but sometimes it is impossible to find suitable cover as all schools are in the same situation. In the event that we have to close a class because we cannot safely open, we will let you know.

Punctuality

Thank you to all parents for bringing their children to school on time between 8.45 and 8.55am.

We have had a significant number of children arriving later than this this week and we ask that you just set out a few minutes earlier to give your child a positive start to the day.

Staff on the gate are timetabled for their next activity at 9.00am, so we thank you for your understanding that we can't always keep the gate open. We ask that parents don't let other children through the gate or use the car park gate to send their child through.

Unfortunately, we don't have the staff to man the gate for late arrivals, so we ask that once the gate is closed, you use the buzzer and intercom system to let the office know your child's details. Thank you for your support.

Starting school - September 2022

With one more day to go, please make sure you have applied for your child's place in Reception for September 2022 by TOMORROW **January 15 2022.**

[School Place Application Leaflet](#)

Walk on the Wild Side!

This week, Reception have kicked off their new Enquiry 'Walk on the Wild Side!'

We had the special virtual visit from Maisie the Zoo Keeper, and the children asked her lots of interesting questions about her job and the animals she looks after. After this we all left enlightened about all things 'zoo'; we know about different types of bears and that lions have really big poo! 😊



Spring Term Knowledge Organisers

Here are the Knowledge Organisers for Spring Term so that you can see what your child is learning and any related vocabulary to explore:

[Knowledge Organisers](#)

PE Days – from January 10 2022

PE Days are now as follows:

EYFS	Friday
Year 1	Monday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Tuesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Thursday and Friday
Year 6	Wednesday



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Reception - Pinxton Puppets

Please make sure you have logged onto your Parent Pay account to pay your contribution to this exciting event which will take place on **Thursday 20 January**.

Food Vouchers

The council are planning to send food vouchers to the families of children eligible for free school meals in late January/early February 2022. These will be issued directly from DCC, not from school.

Household Support Fund

Households facing financial hardship can apply to the Household Support Fund for help towards their food, energy and essential living costs.

[Apply here](#)

Covid 19 Update

Please do continue to e-mail any Covid related information to covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk so that we can log cases and report/act accordingly. It is important that we know about all positive cases so that we can take extra precautions if we notice an outbreak in a particular class or year group.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for Covid 19 (From DfE)

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Thank you!

We thank all of our school community for their support and understanding during what remains a really tricky time for school – especially with staffing shortages.

We are trying our best to make sure we are able to deliver everything we can – but sometimes that may take a bit longer than normal.

We really do appreciate your continued good wishes. Thank you – have a lovely weekend 😊

