



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 28 January 2022

Staffing Shortages

Again we are experiencing a high proportion of staff shortages. This impacts on all aspects of school life. We are doing our very best in very difficult circumstances and going as fast as we can. We would like to thank all our parents who continue to support us with kind words and understanding, especially when it takes us some time to get back to you.

Covid 19 Update

This week we have been using Bubbles in Pine, Rowan and Sycamore classes to minimise the spread of Covid cases across the school. A big thank you to the children, staff and parents for your support and understanding.

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.

We have seen a big shift in how C19 is manifesting. One recent difference is that on some occasions, LFD tests have not picked up a positive case. We ask that parents test their children before coming to school if they are considered a close contact of a positive case. In addition, don't forget to register your positive LFD tests online.

Due to the high number of C19 cases in school, we thank all adults for wearing a face covering on the school site.

Nut-free school

Just a reminder that we are a nut-free school due to there being several children with severe nut allergies.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome **Mrs Walsh** to the SPS team as our new **Administration Officer** from Monday 31 January. We know you will give her a very warm SPS welcome and be mindful that she won't have all of the answers straight away! We know you will look after her 😊

We also have vacancies advertised on our website:

[Vacancies](#)

Swanwick Friends - Quiz Night!

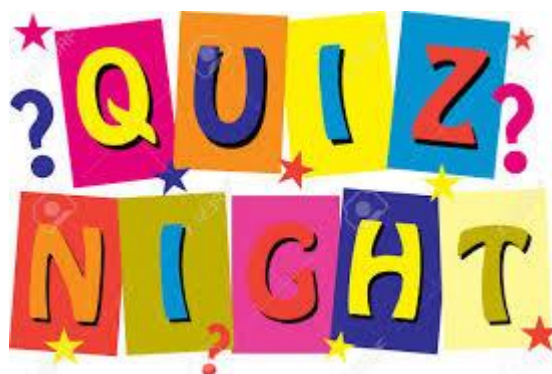
Swanwick Friends are holding a virtual quiz night on Friday 18 February 6.30pm-7.30pm.

This will be a great time for you to spend time with your family and friends. For £3.00 per team you can enjoy an evening of fun, whilst also raising important funds for the school.

There will be different prizes throughout the night, including best team name – so get your thinking cap on!

Quiz rounds include Disney and a teachers' round. Perfect for children and adults alike, book your tickets now through Parent Pay.

This is a virtual evening and will be held on Microsoft Teams. You will be sent an invitation to join and the rules of the evening closer to the time.





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Pinxton Puppets



Last week, Pinxton Puppets came to our Reception unit. They helped the children make some rather fantastic puppets, and performed a very lively 'Little Red Riding Hood'! The children enjoyed this so much, that they have continued with their puppet making in class this week and have been putting on their own shows with their friends.

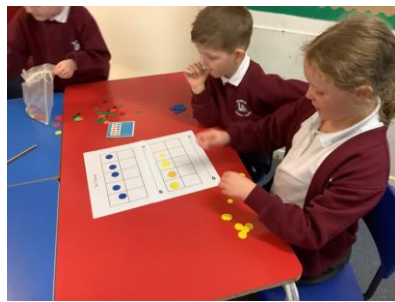
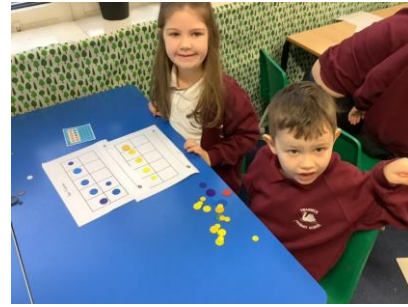
Well done Y1 Mathematicians!

Year 1 have been tackling some particularly tricky

mathematical concepts this week, learning to add by making 10 first. The children have used tens



frames to support their understanding and have been working really hard. They also demonstrated some excellent understanding around fact families. Well Done Year 1!



Fancy a Light Night?





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The Great British Bird Watch

In KS1 Assembly, we heard a bit about the Great British Bird Watch. We learnt about different birds that might come to our gardens, and how we could help attract more. If you would like more information for how to get involved, the website below has lots of useful information!

[Great British Bird Watch](#)

The Red Tree

Today, our KS2 children in Y3-Y6 enjoyed a live-streamed performance organised by DCC Virtual School and Red Earth Theatre called 'The Red Tree'. The performance explored how we can manage and cope with our feelings.

School Council

We have not forgotten about our school council and those children who were chosen from each class to represent it. Like everything else at this difficult time, we find classes are in and out of bubbles across the whole school. Fingers crossed that we will all be able to make a first council meeting very soon.

Miss Holmes

Y6 Visit to White Hall

Y6 had a brilliant visit to White Hall earlier this week. We will be sharing more information and photos soon, once our staffing ratios are more settled. In the meantime, a few snippets:

- The staff at White Hall commented on how much they have enjoyed the group this week
- The children have been really supportive and encouraging of each other
- They have been a pleasure to be around

- The team work has been amazing
- They have been a real credit to the school

In addition, those children who stayed behind at school have said it's "the best week ever!"

Thank you to all the children, parents and of course, the staff who have made this week possible. It wasn't the easiest of weeks and you have all been just brilliant. 😊

World Book Day

We will be celebrating this on Thursday 3 March this year. More information will come out nearer the time.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend – we hope that all of our poorly children, parents and staff are feeling better really soon 😊

