



# SWANWICK STORY

**Friday 21 January 2022**

This week we have been visited by School Improvement colleagues from Derbyshire County Council. Some of our pupils were chosen to talk to our special visitors about writing. Following our C19 risk assessment, they also visited classrooms and looked at the fantastic work which is happening across the school.

## Important Dates

We have had a few requests this week for information regarding dates for various events such as KS1 and KS2 SATs.

Just a reminder that the Important Dates for the year were sent out in September and can be found here:

[Important Dates](#)

## Sporting Success

Well done to the Year Six boys who took part in the Futsal tournament at Alfreton Leisure Centre on Tuesday, where they won two games and lost two games. There were some exciting games and the team played some scintillating football. Despite not winning the competition, the boys performed extremely and were excellent ambassadors for the school.

*Mr Sharratt*

## Healthy Eating

We have been asked to share this leaflet with you with some hints and tips from the NHS regarding Healthy Eating.

[Healthy Eating](#)

## Y5 Swimming

In the next week or two, you should receive more information about Y5 swimming and a consent form to complete. This will commence after half-term.

## NHS Dental Survey – Reception and Y1

The NHS Dental Service are undertaking a National Dental Survey on a randomly selected group of five-year-olds. They have contacted us with a list of children who they have selected and to let us know that this will be happening on **Monday 7 February**.

If your child has been chosen for the survey, you will receive a message from Mrs Blaydon next week, and a letter will come home with your child along with a consent form. If you don't receive a message and a letter, this means your child has not been chosen for the survey.

## Y3 & Y4 Bikeability

We have been lucky enough to secure sessions for Y3 and Y4 to participate in Bikeability. Letters about this will be making their way home soon. Watch this space!

## Music to our ears!

A big well done to Jessica in Y2. Jessica has passed her stage 1 acoustic guitar pre-grade after her teacher sprung a little surprise test on her on Monday. She did brilliantly and passed with flying colours. Her guitar teacher was especially proud of her, as at just 6 years old, she is the youngest student he has ever had pass stage 1 acoustic. We're all so proud of her!

## Would you like to be a Brownie?



If your child is interested, more information can be found here:

[Register your interest](#)



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## Breakfast Club

Please can we remind parents that Breakfast Club payments are due **before** attending the club. Please can parents ensure this is happening as it does take a lot of time to chase up missing payments. If you are paying by vouchers, please ensure they are processed at the beginning of the term, as funds can take quite some time to reach the school. Thank you for your support.

## 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](#)

## Punctuality

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

We continue to have a significant amount of pupils arriving after the gate has closed. ***We will be sending out punctuality letters again soon to offer our support to those families who find it tricky to get to school on time.***

## 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.

## Pinxton Puppets

Reception thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Pinxton Puppets yesterday. We look forward to seeing some more information about this and some photos next week!

## Covid 19 Update

Please do continue to e-mail any Covid related information to [covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto: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.

A big thank you to Y1 who have worked in a Bubble for a few days this week – it certainly did the trick. 😊

We will continue to use Bubbles to contain any breakouts within a certain class or year group.

**Whilst the rates are going down in the local area, they are still high. We will continue to keep all our current precautions in place for as long as we feel is needed.**

## White Hall

Wishing all the very best to our Y6 children and the staff who are visiting White Hall next week. We hope you have a wonderful time, have a go at everything on offer and do us all proud!

## Thank you!

Thank you all for your continued support. We really do appreciate it!

