



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 4 March 2022

Welcome back, everyone. We hope you enjoyed a great half-term and had a good rest.

Friends of Swanwick Quiz

A big thank you to all those people who attended the virtual quiz. It was a really enjoyable evening with something for everyone.

Well done to the organisers and in particular, to Matt Nelson who was our Quiz Master extraordinaire!

Phonics Event

Thank you to Mr Morris and Mrs Holdsworth for leading a really informative online event for the parents of Reception and Y1 children this week. We hope you found it useful.

Copies of the presentations have been added to the school website [here](#) so that you can make reference to them – and so that parents who were unable to attend can access the information. They have also been shared on Tapestry.

Thank you for everyone who attended and to other staff who supported the session.

Parents' Meetings

Parents' Meetings will be held on **Wednesday 30 March** and **Wednesday 6 April**. We will send more information out about this next week, including how to book your slot.

Knowledge Organisers

You will find out more about what your child is learning this half-term [here](#)

Safeguarding Update

Unfortunately, we have had instances this week where parents have gone directly to a classroom and entered without signing in. This is a breach of our safeguarding protocols to keep everyone safe.

We are always happy to speak to you to try to answer your questions or discuss potential problems. If we don't know about something, we can't do anything to help. We will always try our very best to resolve matters as soon as we can.

You can speak to someone on the gate at the beginning or the end of the day, give us a call, or send an e-mail to

info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk We can pass a message on for your child's teacher to give you a call or to arrange a meeting. You can also chat to your child's class teacher at the end of the day if they are available.

However, it is really important that all visitors on site go to the office in the first instance, sign in and wear a visitors' lanyard. This happens in all schools in order to safeguard the children, staff and all visitors.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep everyone safe.

Eye Tests for Reception and Y1

Please find further information regarding this [here](#)

Covid 19 Update

Please 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.



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It's a boy!

Congratulations to Miss Fox and her partner John on the birth of baby Marley on Saturday 26 February. We hope you are enjoying your new family and can't wait for a cuddle!



Online Safety

This week's information is regarding 'WhatsApp' which has a 16+ age limit.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender, and any recipients, not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted. It only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

16+ (UK AND EUROPE)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- SCAMS:** Hackers occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes, encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve convincing someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out and that they need to enter their banking details to get it topped up, or asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.
- DISAPPEARING MESSAGES:** Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days. However, photos and videos can still be retrieved on a phone if the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be deleted or hidden from the phone. A child won't see inappropriate messages, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing, however, the receiver could take a screenshot of the evidence.
- ENABLING FAKE NEWS:** WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to spreading the spread of disinformation. In India in 2018, some collectors of mobile phones reported to have been notified of fake elections being broadcast on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent the false election broadcasts, theories and speculation in the early weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

- CREATE A SAFE PROFILE:** Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photos and status. The options are 'My contacts', 'My contacts and 'My contacts' - choosing one of the latter two settings than your child's profile is better protected.
- EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING:** If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using settings. In the app, Communications from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays unarchived. Blocking someone does not remove them from the contact list - as they also need to be deleted from the address book.
- REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS:** Young people shouldn't engage with any messages that look suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message that looks suspicious or too good to be true, they'll be given the option to report it as a scam. The sender should be reported to the relevant authority. If you're unsure, you can also report it to the relevant authority.
- LEAVE A GROUP:** If your child is in a group chat that is too large or has too many members, they should leave the group. WhatsApp's group settings allow you to leave a group at any time. There's no need to give a reason, and it's permanent.
- THINK ABOUT LOCATION:** If your child needs to use the 'live location' feature to show you or their friends where they are, advise them to only share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp offers options to share their location for 15 minutes, 1 hour, or until they turn off their location sharing. Their position is only shared as long as it's no longer needed.
- DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES:** If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to give a message a 'pull and hold' and then delete it. However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.
- CHECK THE FACTS:** You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been marked as 'potentially false'. WhatsApp's 'globe icon' to the left of the message, from the 'More options' menu, allows you to check the facts. This feature is available for messages that have been marked as 'potentially false'.

Meet Our Expert
Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media space and is the founder of KidsClick, a website resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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Mr Cartwright

Amber Valley Transition Team
We have been asked to share this information with you which you may find of help:

[AV Leaflet](#)

Getting back to 'normal'

We are working hard in school to find some semblance of 'normality' now that Covid cases are dropping and the rules have been changed.

Staff have met this week and asked for some reminders to be given to help us have further consistency in school:

- Snacks should be healthy – fruit or vegetables.
- Children's mobile phones should be left at home.
- Toys should be left at home (unless it is a transitional mouse or a previously agreed transitional object)
- PE kit should be appropriate, smart and in line with our PE Uniform (more information on this later)

Thank you for your support ☺

PE Uniform – to be worn all day on PE days
Shorts or jogging bottoms (plain grey or black)
T-shirt (plain white - not crop tops or vest tops)
Hoodie or fleece (Plain black, grey or burgundy)
Trainers

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is creeping up on us once again and will be held on **Friday 18 March**. On this day, your child can either dress down (non-uniform) or come dressed as a Super Hero. We ask for a £1.00 donation to paid via ParentPay to go towards this very worthy cause.

We hope to compete in a Red Nose Quiz within our classes, in our House Teams. Throughout the day, each class will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of fun and silly activities!

Click [here](#) to make your donation.



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Competition Time!

We are delighted to announce a colouring competition in conjunction with John Palins, our local fruit and veg supplier. The task is to create a design for their delivery vans!

Design – theme of ‘healthy eating’

Medium - felt tip pens, ink or paint

Templates – click [here](#).

Deadline - Monday 14 March

Winners - will be announced on Wednesday 23 March by Palins.

Miss Holmes



World Book Day

Yesterday, we celebrated 25 years of World Book Day. We loved seeing everyone dressed up as a book character and looking at your favourite books! Below are photos of Elm Class in their finery, and Cedar Class playing a game of Quidditch!

