

SWANWICK STORY

Sunday 20 March 2022

Red Nose Day

A big thank you to everyone who dressed down or wore their Superhero costume on Friday. We hope to get some photos of the day to you in the next Swanwick Story. If you haven't yet donated, please do go to Parent Pay.

Click <u>here</u> to make your donation.

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.

A message from our school meals service

At Derbyshire Catering Service we are continually looking into how we can improve our service, and having launched our Food Explorer brand in October with a new look to the menu/theme days we are keen to know the thoughts and opinions of parents, carers and pupils.

Survey

Holidays during term time

Just a reminder that holidays during term time will not be authorised. Any absence which is not due to illness requires an exceptional leave form completing which you can find here.

We would much rather that you are honest about your child's absence being due to a holiday, than tell us they are ill. There have been a few occasions recently where parents have told us their child is ill and we know this isn't the case. Children who have been on holiday do come back to tell us all about it!

Thank you to those parents who are always open and transparent about the reason for their child's absence.

Swimming Success!

We have two success stories to share with you this week:

Iris (Birch
Class) was a
little worried
about the
women and
children in
Ukraine and
wanted to help
by raising



some money. She likes swimming and has completed 5 lengths at Alfreton Leisure Centre swimming pool in aid of this great cause.

Swimming 5 lengths is a big achievement for Iris - she has raised £100 so far!

Well done Iris – we are so proud of your achievement and thoughtfulness!



Daisy (Willow Class) had a great day at the Matlock and District swimming event last weekend. Daisy, who swims for Belper Marlins, came 3rd in 50m back stroke and 3rd in 50m free style!

Well done Daisy – we are all very proud of you!



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Online Safety

This week's poster gives some helpful hints and tips for parents regarding upsetting content online. *Mr Cartwright*



Deputy Headteacher News

We apologise again for the lateness of this week's Swanwick Story, but we have a very good reason for it!

Miss Fogg, Mrs Politowski (our Associate School Improvement Advisor), Mr Hughes (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Cressey (Co-opted Governor) spent Thursday and Friday recruiting our new Deputy Headteacher.

It was a rigorous process and we know we have chosen someone who will be the right fit for Swanwick Primary School.

Many staff had to shuffle their usual routines in order to make the process possible. We are so proud of our Y6 children (who the candidates taught for the morning). Their behaviour and

learning was exemplary. Some children from Y4, Y5 and Y6 were chosen to put the candidates through their paces - asking them lots of interesting and probing questions to find out a bit more about them.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the process and looking after things in Miss Fogg's absence.

We are thrilled to let you know that we have made an appointment and will share who our new Deputy Headteacher will be once they have had chance to share the news with their current school community.



We hope you have had a lovely weekend, enjoying the much improved weather. See you all tomorrow!



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