



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 8th September 2023

It is the start of a new school year! We hope you had a lovely Summer break and that your children have managed to recharge their batteries for another exciting year.

This week we have welcomed the new Reception cohort to our school. The children have been a delight and have embraced the new beginning with enthusiasm and resilience. We look forward to working with all our new and existing families to provide the best experiences for all our children.

Contact Information- Who to contact and when?

As we start the new year, we wanted to remind everyone of our contact details and various email addresses that can be used.

School Absence

Call: 01773 602268

Email: absence@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

Please call the school number as early as possible to make the school aware. You may need to leave a message on our answer machine, but these are checked as soon as our office staff arrive in school and they will then alert the class teacher. Please state your child's name, their class teacher, their class name, the reason for illness and your full name and relationship with the child. It is unlikely a member of staff will call you back unless they need further information.

Medical Appointment

Call: 01773 602268

Email: absence@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

Please state the same details as above. In addition, state the time of the appointment and who will be collecting your child (if this is not before school), the time you intend to bring your child back and if they still require a school lunch. If you are collecting your child during the school day, use the South Street Gate buzzer to talk to the office staff. They will usually collect your child and bring them to the gate or may ask you to enter the site to sign your child out.

Safeguarding Concern

Call: 01773 602268 and request a 'Safeguarding Lead'. You can also email our safeguarding email address.

Safeguarding@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

Lost Clothing

In the first instance, your child's class teachers will be available at the start and the end of the school day. If the item cannot be found, we have a Lost property station outside the PPOD for short term lost items. If you are looking for something that went missing a week or more ago, there is a long term lost property area in our Treetop Room. This is open to parents after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3-3:30pm.

Academic/Specific in class query

Your first step should always be to speak with your child's class teacher. They are best placed to answer your questions. In EYFS and Year 1, you will have access to our Tapestry Platform. You can use this to give teachers additional information or to ask any academic/settling in questions. In the event that you still have questions, you can email the school office and ask for a Senior Leader to contact you.

info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk Please ensure you give as much detail as possible, so we are able to prepare answers. A call back will take place when a Senior Leader is available.

You may have queries around additional needs. In this instance, Mrs Walton our SENDCo may contact you.

SEN@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

My child/Family need support with Social, Emotional and Mental Wellbeing

You should contact our PPOD bespoke provision and our Family Support Lead, Mrs Stone, will be happy to arrange a phone call or meeting.

Email: PPOD@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

PPOD Mobile: 07368 555585

School Office: 01773 602268 ask for the PPOD

You can find out more information about our PPOD using this [PPOD link](#).

Uniform Policy

Thankyou to everyone who has adhered to our Uniform Policy. If you are unsure about expectations, please use this link- [Uniform Policy](#)

NEW Homework Policy

We have been working on a new homework Policy and you can find the link here- [Homework Policy](#)
Within this policy, you will find details around your child's year group specific homework. Your child will have differentiated expectations, dependent on their age. There will also be an optional creative project set each term. All children will start receiving their homework from Monday 11th September 2023. Numbots and Spelling Bee will be launched later this term. Look out for further announcements in the Swanwick Story. If you have any questions about your child's homework, please speak to your child's class teacher.



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Calendar of Dates 2023-2024

In July, we shared a link to a new tab on the school website. We are resharing the link as we have added some additional information.

[New Information for September 2023](#)

Secondary School Applications



From Monday the 11th September to 31st October applications for secondary school are open.

You need to apply even if you want your child to attend your local secondary school via completing the [online form](#) or calling this phone number- 01629533190

Swanwick Hall have asked us to share that they have an open evening on Thursday 14th September and Year 6 pupils will receive a letter about this at the start of next week.

ActivAll Boards

As part of our efforts to promote Physical activity in school, we now have some ActivAll Boards installed on the playground. These encourage active play during break times and increases physical activity within the school as a whole.

These are not to be used outside of school teaching time, so please ensure your children are not using these during drop off or pick up times.



Tesco Tokens- We will be in stores soon!



We are very excited to have been shortlisted to appear in the Local Alfreton Tesco Store's Blue Token Voting Station! The scheme called 'Stronger Starts', aims to fundraise for the local community.

We want to maximise Physical Development in Swanwick Primary School and provide the best resources to do this.

Last year we applied to be considered for the Token Scheme, and if we receive the most Token votes, we can claim £1,500 towards some fantastic equipment. From the start of October, you will see our school voting box in the Alfreton Store. Please vote for us and share this with other family members. It would mean a great deal to us and would help us to give your children some exciting resources linked to physical development.

Harvest Themed Menu- 19th September 2023

Please be aware that on Tuesday the 19th September, there will be a themed School lunch:





Mr Keith Griffiths

We have received some very sad news during the summer break - Mr Keith Griffiths passed away 16 08 2023.

Mr G, as he was affectionally known at school, was the school caretaker for many years from the late 90's until he retired in July 2010. He continued to support the school after he retired by still coming along to volunteer in the school and support the children.

He was a lovely man; a very talented writer and knowledgeable on local history. He was always willing to go the extra mile to make sure everything was done. He showed such kindness to all staff and pupils who attended SPS during his time with us. He will be missed. We are sure he will be remembered fondly by many parents, who were children when he was here and grandparents who knew him too.

We send our love and heartfelt sympathies for Mrs G (Muriel) and family.

