



SWANWICK STORY

Parent Communication Update

Friday 29th September 2023

Upcoming Events



We hope this new section will help to remind you about School Events. These can also be found on our [School Diary Dates](#).

Here are the up and coming events to be aware of...

Friday 6 th October	Year 1 Fire Engine and Firefighter to visit the school
Monday 9 th October	Year 5 Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 10 th October	School Photos- 7:45-11:30am- <i>see this Swanwick Story for details</i>
Wednesday 11 th October	Year 5 Bikeability Hello Yellow Day- wear Yellow 1st Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm <i>Booking information to the left of these dates. Please note, Mr Morris' class will have their first Parents evening on a different date- see below</i>
Thursday 12 th October	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshop Year 5 and 6 Mr Morris' Class (Maple) 2nd Parents evening (instead of the 18th)
Monday 16 th October	Friends of Swanwick Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday 18 th October	Harvest Donations Collection taken to food bank 2nd Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm
Thursday 19 th October	Year 6 Theme Day- Take us to Texas Click this link for more details
Friday 27 th October	Non-Uniform Day- Autumn Themed Craft Sale in hall-3:15-3:45pm Last day of Term 1
Half Term	
Monday 6 th November	Return to school
WC 13 th November	Friendship Week
Monday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day- children can come in odd socks!
Tuesday 14 th November	Year 2 Victorian Day

Unfortunately, we have found that the App we intended to transfer to from Parent Hub is not compatible with our data.

This has been disappointing for us and we apologise for any time it has taken you to download the new app.

Due to the complications, we have taken the decision to remain with Parent Hub for the following year, giving us time to work through the issues.

Parents' Evening Bookings

We are going to be using a website to help us to organise and book Parents' evening this year. We will be sending you a website link via your Parent Hub app on Tuesday 3rd October at 5pm. You will need to click on the link to access the available appointments. The link should give you options for any children you have with us at Swanwick Primary School and there is also an opportunity to book time with the SENDCo. Bookings will be allocated via the link and if you have any trouble booking your appointments, please call the school office.

School Photos- Tuesday 10th October

The school photographer will be here from 7.45am to take all sibling group photos. Individual photos will then be taken in school time

If you would like to **opt out of school photos** please email the info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk to let us know. Otherwise, all children will have a photo taken on this day.

Tesco Tokens-

We will be in stores next week!!



We should be appearing in the Alfreton Store at the start of October. PLEASE VOTE FOR US and spread the word 😊



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Hello Yellow Day- Wednesday 11th October

It is World Mental Health Day on **Wednesday 11th October** and we will once again be going yellow to raise money for Young Minds to show young people that they are not alone with their mental health.

On this day, we invite staff and children to come dressed in yellow and donate £1 (via ParentPay). All of the money raised will be donated to Young Minds.

If you would like to find out about what support Young Minds can offer to parents and young people then click this link:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Football Competition

A huge well done to both the boys' and girls' football teams who both took part in 6-a side competitions this week at Broomfield College. On Tuesday, the girls showed their great teamwork only conceding 2 goals in the first stage. They then went on to play for their place in the competition and won 2-0. The girls played some excellent football, scored some super goals and Ella made some fantastic saves.

On Thursday the boys competed against 18 other schools. Again they showed great teamwork and ability against some tough teams. The determination they showed was a credit to them and they worked really hard passing and moving the ball. We had some good chances saved and Finley made some excellent saves too.

Well done both teams: you did yourselves and the school proud showing excellent team work, determination and respect. It was a pleasure taking you all.

Mrs Turner, Mr Beavan and Miss Calderbank



School Council Programme

Our Initial School Council Representatives have been voted in and are photographed below.

They will be supporting their classes to lead in school decisions and have had their first meeting this week in their new job.



Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 should have all had their log ins for Spelling Shed now which can be found in their reading diaries or homework folders. Every Friday, children will be assigned a group of words which they will be learning in school and will also be assigned homework on Spelling Shed linking to the words too. Spelling Shed can be accessed via the app, but can also be accessed for free at www.spellingshed.co.uk. Paper copies are available and if any issues arise, please contact your child's class teacher. During Autumn 2, we will be launching our Swanwick Spelling Bee. More information to follow before the end of this term.



Year 2 Victorian Day

We have planned an exciting day for Year 2. The day will consist of experiencing a day at school as a Victorian child, engaging in some Victorian lessons, games and other fun activities.

We are asking children to dress up as a Victorian. This is optional and can simply be a white shirt and shorts/skirts. Please do not go to any extra cost.

Phonics Event Slides

If you were unable to attend the phonics event this week, [please use this link](#) to see the content.



Fire Engine Visit for Year 1

In preparation for our next topic (The Great Fire of London), the Year 1 children will have a visit from a Fire Officer and Engine on Friday 6th October. I am sure this will be very exciting and we will share some pictures with you in the next Swanwick Story. Just remember, if you see a Fire Engine on the school site, please do not panic!



Harvest Donations

Please send any donations by Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 12pm.

We are accepting any non-perishable foods such as packets, tinned goods, cereal, beans, tinned veg/fruit, pasta, noodles etc.

School Business Manager Vacancy

The Headteacher and Governors at Swanwick Primary School would like to appoint a highly effective School Business Manager in December to replace our current SBM, who will be retiring at Christmas after many happy years at the school.

[School Business Manager \(derbyshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)

Closing Date : 8th October 2023

Interviews: 20th October 2023.

Applications to be made through the DCC website, please follow the link:

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Strong, if you would like more information or visit the school.

Email varinka.strong@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

Attendance on a page

We take attendance very seriously at SPS. Last year our attendance improved from 91% to 94.25%. This has had a positive impact on the pupils.

This year, our aim is to improve attendance to pre-pandemic levels of 96% or more. Please take a look at this [information sheet](#) about attendance at our school.

If you are concerned about your child not being well enough for school, please check the following [website](#).



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**Do you have a particular hobby, skill or
interest?**

**Can you spare some time in the afternoons
to volunteer with us?**

We would like to offer some life skills experience to some of our children such as woodwork, gardening, fixing equipment, bikes etc.

We are also looking for adults to listen to children read.

If you think you could offer some of your time in school then please send an email to info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk detailing the type of activities you could support with.

Thank you.