



## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

We have another jam-packed Swanwick Story so please do read through to get important information on Homework, Upcoming events, including Performances and a Disco!

### Upcoming Events

There is a lot happening over the next few weeks!

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| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November            | NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshop for Year 2 pupils   |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November           | Dogs Trust Assembly and KS2 Workshop   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November          | <b>NEW</b> <a href="#">Year 4 Egyptian Day</a>   |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November           | Recycled Christmas Jumper Collection after school in the Treehouse.  |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November          | -Art Rotation sessions in school- All pupils<br>-Recycled Christmas Jumper Collection after school in the Treehouse. |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December             | -Art Rotation sessions in school- All pupils<br>-Whole School Flu Vaccinations                                       |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December             | EYFS and Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2-3pm for the children in school.   |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30-10:30 | EYFS and Year 1 Nativity Production for parents (information will be sent out)                                       |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm    | EYFS and Year 1 Nativity Production for parents (information will be sent out)                                       |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December           | <b>-EYFS, Year 1 and Y2 children</b> Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day and Disco until 4:45pm                         |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 3:15-3:45 | School Uniform Sale at South Street Gate. Come along to buy used-but well looked after uniform.                      |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December             | <b>-Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Children</b> Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day and Disco until 4:45pm                          |



### Remembrance Day

Our children observed the One-minute silence a day early, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The children showed the upmost respect for this special tradition. Across the school, children engaged in class discussions and activities to mark Remembrance Day.



Mrs Cutler - Midday Supervisor has been busy knitting Poppies for this year's Poppy Appeal. She has raised £31.56.

Thank you for everyone's support in by buying the poppies.

She has promised to knit more for next year as she ran out of time to fulfil all the requests this year. Well done Mrs Cutler.





## Forest School- Remembrance Day

In Forest School, the children cleverly created Poppies using plastic drinks bottles.



They have also been busy getting very muddy, whilst making Friendship Soup!



## Homework- NumBots KS1



We are launching NumBots in KS1 This is an exciting resource for our children. All children have been given a log in so they can access NumBots at home. Please read the letter to find out more information.

[Here is a link to the letter, explaining how you can use this program at home.](#)

## Homework- TT Rockstars KS2



In line with the homework policy, all KS2 children have been set a number of minutes to complete each week on Times Tables Rockstars. Please encourage your child to complete their homework on TTRS. We are aiming to raise the profile of times tables across the school as the fluency of times tables is imperative for other areas of maths such as fractions! If you have any issues with TTRS, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Staley (Maths Lead). Thank you for your continued support.



## Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

If you have a child in Year 4, your child will be participating in the 'Multiplication Tables Check' (MTC) in June, 2024. Please [click here](#) for more information. There will be some meetings on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** where more information about the MTC will be shared and you will have the opportunity to ask questions. More details about the meeting will be shared after Christmas.  
[Mrs Staley](#)

## Recycled Jumpers

If you have Christmas jumpers that no longer fit your children, please bring them in to school at any point until 28<sup>th</sup> November so they can go to a new home.



## Performances



If your child is in EYFS, Year 1 they are performing a Nativity in December. The information around how to book your tickets has been sent via Parent Hub.

You will receive information about outfits and any lines, at the start of next week.

If your child is in Year 2, information regarding the Christmas Production will be coming out next week. This will include information about how to book tickets.

## Preloved Uniform- £1

If you would like to buy any Preloved Uniform, Mrs Denny has set up an email to do so. Simply Email with your child's year group, size and item needed. Everything is a £1! Money raised will go towards funding activities for Forest Schools  
[preloved@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:preloved@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk)



## Reminder- Flu Immunisations

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school please follow this link to complete an online consent form;

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/c0869ebd>

The vaccinations will take place at your school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023. The link will close on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 option 5.

## Dogs Trust Assembly



Next Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup>), a member from the Dogs Trust Education Team will be coming into school for the day. Dogs Trust are a British animal welfare charity and they have offered to deliver an assembly for KS1 and KS2 and workshops for KS2. Their assemblies and workshops are based on 'Safe Behaviour Around Dogs' and they also offer important advice to children such as when it wouldn't be safe or fair to stroke a dog, as well as what to do if approached by a dog they don't know. They **do not** bring a real dog into school.



## Christmas Dinner



Our Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023. We would be grateful if you could complete the short form below to confirm whether or not your child will be having a Christmas Dinner.

### [Book your child's Christmas Dinner here!](#)

The deadline for requesting a Christmas Dinner is 1pm Friday 1 December as we don't wish to miss anyone out. Please still complete the form if your child normally has a school meal and wishes to have a Christmas Dinner.

The menu:

Roast Turkey with chipolata sausage or Quorn Fillet  
Stuffing and Gravy  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Pudding - ice cream tub

## Care Plans

If your child has a Care Plan due to a medical need, please remember to update the school if there are any changes to the plan. Parents are responsible for ensuring these are up to date through the year. We will do an annual review each July.



# Let's celebrate



## 'Wow Events' in School

### Achievements Out of School

#### Year 4 Dancers

Jess, Scarlett and Isabelle from Year 4, gained first and second place for their dances in acrobatics and modern respectively at the Midlands Dance Festival. They were absolutely fantastic on stage and showed great teamwork and bravery!

Well done girls, we're very proud of you!



#### Alfreton Towns Mascots

The boys below were mascots for Alfreton Town 2-0 winning match last week Sat 28th against Farsley Celtic.

The team the boys play for is Alfreton Town Tigers under 10s.



#### Year 2 Victorian Day

Year 2 had a wonderful time on their Victorian day this week.

The children looked amazing in their costumes and they were all fully transported back to the past. We completed our maths and handwriting on slate boards and we had a go at improving our sewing skills. We did a traditional PE lesson and played Rag football. We even heard some 'naughty' children receiving the cane.

Thank you for your help in making the day a success.



#### Year 6 Ancient Greek Day

Last week, the Year 6 children had their Ancient Greek Day to celebrate the start of this term's Enquiry: It's all Greek to me! The day started off with a visit from a theatre company 'Partake History'. All the children enjoyed a drama workshop that brought the Greek myth of Jason and the Golden Fleece to life. In the afternoon, we also held our own Olympic games where we competed in activities such as javelin, discus, running and even chariot racing. The day was great fun!





## Friendship Week 2024

We have had an amazing Friendship Week. The children have explored what it is that makes a good friend, how they can put a smile on the face of others and how to appreciate and celebrate differences.

The children enjoyed our 'Friendship Morning', as they moved around different classrooms, being taught by different teachers. We mixed classes up and it was so lovely to see the older children setting great examples and being good role models. Here is just a sample of what went on this week!

Our THRIVE Values emphasise the importance of Teamwork and Resilience and Valuing others. This week has really helped the children to understand these key values.



Friendship Socks- We are all unique



Odd Socks Day



Handprints with our Friends



Big Hugs!



Friendship Connections



Friendship Soup



Kindness Tree



## Children in Need Competition

Thankyou to everyone who entered our Cupcake Competition today. We all thought the cakes looked amazing and appreciate the effort you have gone to.

The School Council had a difficult job deciding who the winners would be. They finally settled on the following 3 children.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize- Jenson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- Erin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize- Connie



To find out more about Children in Need, you can use [this link](#).



## Online Safety

When staying safe online, we are a **SMART** school! Our acronym helps us to remember the 5 rules of staying safe online. Last term our focus was 'S' which means to stay **SAFE** online. The staff and the pupils all agreed that to stay safe online we:

- Don't tell people our full names, address or passwords.
- We don't share pictures of ourselves or our family.
- We don't talk to people we don't know!
- If we're unsure or don't feel safe, we tell an adult we trust.
- Keep our photos and images to ourselves and don't share pictures of each other without permission.

Needless to say, I was really impressed when Darcy in Key Stage 1 brought this poster to me that she had designed at home! It really shows how we can stay safe and how she had talked with her parents about what we learned.

**Remember, keeping safe online helps when we talk about it and say when we feel safe. Always talk with your children and ask them how they stay safe online! Mr. Cartwright**







**Be smart on the internet** [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

- S SAFE** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.
- M MEETING** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and meet them only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or links from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.
- T TELL** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk).

[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

KidSMART Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by joining friends with people all around the world!



## Christmas Disco

**Christmas Disco**

KS1 Thursday 7th December  
KS2 Friday 8th December

Music, Dancing, Fun and a few Games!  
We will be holding KS1 and KS 2 Christmas Discos after school until 4.45pm for the Children to enjoy.

Tickets on Sale Monday 20th November to Sunday 3rd December £3.50 per Child via Parentpay, includes a drink, snack and a sweet treat. Thank you and Merry Christmas Swanwick Friends



This is a child only event for children attending our school. Tickets are £3.50 and can be purchased by Parent Pay from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November until Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Parents will be sent a Parent Hub message when tickets live on Monday. A ticket is available for all children, if they wish to attend.