



# Friday 1st December 2023

Please familiarise yourself with the latest list of events taking us to the end of the school term! You can find a full list of future events [here](#). Please read through the Swanwick Story for crucial information around your child's online safety along with advice about staying safe in the cold weather.

## Events for December

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2-3pm for the children in school.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and Year 1 Nativity Production for parents- 9:30-10:30  Mrs Denny's Uniform Sale- Treehouse 3:15-3:45pm <i>Come along to buy used-but well looked after uniform. (information in this Swanwick Story)</i>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and Year 1 Nativity Production for parents- 2-3pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>-EYFS, Year 1 and Y2 children</b> Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day and Disco until 4:45pm <i>(collect children from their usual classes at the end of the disco)</i>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>-Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Children</b> Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day and Disco until 4:45pm <i>(Next week, we will be sending out information about where to collect your children from at the end of the disco)</i>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Performance Dress Rehearsal for children 2:15-3pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Performance 9:15-10am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Performance 2:15-3pm St Andrew's Civic Choir Service 6:45-8:15pm <i>(Y5&amp;6 SPS Choir to perform)</i>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 and Year 6 Fire Service Visit
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carols by SPS Choir- Refreshments will be served from 1:45pm (ticket information will be sent out soon) 2:15-3:15pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert for Parents/Carers at St Andrew's Church 1:30pm-3pm approx. <b>(Please wait outside the church until the children are seated)</b> . It is likely to be very busy so some parents/carers may have to stand. For safeguarding reasons, <b>all children will walk back to school</b> and will be collected from school at the end of the day.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y1- Y6 Pantomime- Mother Goose at Derby Arena 8:30am-1:30pm Gates open at 8:15am. Normal pick up times for children  EYFS- Pinxton Puppets Performance and Puppet Making Morning
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Break Up for the Christmas Holiday Normal school times apply



## Pinxton Puppets EYFS

If your child in EYFS, they will be taking part in a Puppet-Making Workshop on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Each child in Reception needs to bring 2 pieces of cloth (e.g. old shirts, t-shirts etc...) cut down to approximately A4-A3 size, to use in the workshop.



## Pantomime- Y1-Y6



The school gates will open at 8.15am. All Y1-Y6 children need to be in school by 8.30am.

Please be aware if you use Bolton Street entrance, the coaches may be there before 8am. This could lead to the road being blocked. The coaches will be leaving to attend the panto at 8.45am prompt. If your child is late the coaches will be unable to wait and as there will be no staff to supervise them in school, they will need to return home. For this reason, please make sure your child arrives no later than 8:30am on this day to avoid disappointment.

We appreciate that this change to the normal routine may cause some children to feel anxious or unsure. Mrs Walton (our SENDCo) has put together a social story that you may wish to share with your children, prior to the Pantomime visit. You can access this by [clicking here](#).



## Mrs Strong



As some of you may be aware, Mrs Strong, our School Business Manager and Clerk to Governors, will be leaving us at the end of the school term after over 25 Years of Service to the school! I am sure that you will join us in wishing Mrs Strong the very best of times in her retirement and to say thank you for her commitment to our school.

## Mrs Denny's Uniform Sale

This will be now be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December (previously planned for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>) outside the Treehouse, between 3:15pm and 3:45pm. If you would like to pre-order an item, you can email [preloved@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:preloved@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk) Everything is a £1! Money raised will go towards funding activities for Forest Schools

## Forest Schools



The children have been learning how to do wool bombing over the last two weeks, they have created a Christmas Gonk to go on their trees!

## Homework- Creative Homework

Just a little reminder that the Termly Creative Homework is due in week commencing the 18<sup>th</sup> December. This was an optional task. However, we were thrilled with the uptake in Autumn 1 and have loved seeing the parent-child collaborations. If you are unsure what your child's creative homework is, please do catch their class teacher and this can be re-shared.

## Year 4 Egyptian Day- Thankyou



Thank you for your support during our Egyptian Day; the children looked amazing and really enjoyed the day. We had a lot of fun creating head dresses, mummifying tomatoes, cracking hieroglyphic codes and playing Senet (an Ancient Egyptian game). We even had time for a quiz, written by the children themselves. It was a brilliant day! *The Year 4 Team*





## 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.

## Advice around staying well in Winter



Derbyshire County Council have shared this useful leaflet on how to keep healthy in the Winter Months.

There are some very useful websites and contacts that you could use, if you need support such as advice or funding. Use the links below to find out more!

[Health and Wellbeing Advice Website](#)

Or

[Keeping Safe in the Cold Weather- Leaflet.](#)

With the cold weather in mind, please can we ask that you ensure your child is dressed for the extreme temperatures.

At this time of year, children should be wearing winter coats, woolly hats, scarves and gloves. These items should be clearly named to avoid them going missing.



## Makaton Advent

Here are some signs you may like to learn over the festive period

Makaton Advent Calender						
Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Sausages	2nd Christmas Tree	3rd Sleigh	4th Family	5th Stars	6th Happy	7th Bells
8th Pudding	9th Winter	10th Jesus	11th Krisingle	12th Jubilee	13th Presents	14th Church
15th Turkey	16th Stable	17th Candles	18th Angel	19th King	20th Coke	21st Robin
22nd Turkey	23rd Taps	24th Shop	25th Christmas Day		26th Father Christmas	

## Makaton Song

If the advent is not for you, why not learn the Makaton version of- White Christmas?



Click on the image or use [this link](#)



## **Midday Supervisors**

We now have a 2x Midday Supervisor Posts.

If you are looking for a new opportunity, or you know of anyone else who may suit the role, please pass on the following details or get in contact with us. We would love to hear from you and talk this opportunity through.

[2x Midday Supervisor Posts](#)

## **Morning Club Leader**

This is a great chance to lead a small team in a creative and exciting role.

We are looking for an enthusiastic team player, who is committed to promoting a positive ethos and will engage children in constructive play, games and activities. You will also be responsible for the development and daily management of the Breakfast Club and Breakfast Club Assistants. You will work in partnership with parents and carers, to promote the wellbeing of the children, ensuring their welfare and safety. A friendly and positive attitude is essential.

If this interests you or you know of anyone it may suit, please get in contact or share the below link.

[Morning Club Leader Post](#)



## Online Safety

'Safe' was our focus last term and we are continuing our online safety work with 'meet' at this term's focus.



Our children are growing up in an online world where they are increasingly encouraged and pressured to play games or interact with strangers online. Games such as Fortnite, Mario Kart and Minecraft all feature game modes where large amounts of people play in one game. Whilst this can be a memorable experience for gamers, it can also lead to unwanted attention from strangers. As a school, we say never talk to or meet anyone you do not know and we encourage parents to check the games your children play – does it only have public online game modes or can it offer a private mode? To help your children further, we have agreed to use the following rules under our 'meet' area of SMART online.



We know the MEET rules by:

- Keeping our information (name, address and contact details) private.
  - Never adding people as friends if we don't know them.
  - Never meeting people in real life that we only know online.
    - Never giving photos of ourselves or others.
- Telling a trusted adult straight away if someone asks us to meet or makes us feel uncomfortable.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the online world, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. *Mr Cartwright*