



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 17 September 2021

Here we are – Friday again!

A big well done to our Reception children who have now completed their first full week of school!

Everyone is doing so well adjusting to what school now looks like.

Celebrating Attendance

This week's attendance is ...95.74%

A special mention goes to Y4 with 98% this week.

We have a number of parents who routinely ask to collect their child from school early. This is not something which should be done on a regular basis. We do understand that from time-to-time there is a genuine emergency which can't be helped. Thank you for making sure your child is in school as much as possible.

Punctuality

It is so important for children to arrive on time for school so that they get a really good start to their day.

We will be sending letters to parents of children who are persistently late to offer support.

Important Dates for Parents

Please find all important dates for the year here:

[Important Dates](#)

We will give further information about each event nearer the time via the Swanwick Story. Please note that there may be some things which have to be moved online or cancelled if we have to change our Covid 19 measures at any time. Fingers crossed we don't have to do that!

National TA Day



Yesterday was National Teaching Assistants' Day. Thank you to all our fabulous TAs who do a brilliant job day-in and day-out! 😊

A Fond Farewell to Mr Smith

Mr Rob Smith has been Deputy Headteacher at SPS for 13 years and an integral part of the Senior Leadership Team.

Mr Smith is a well-respected member of staff in our school community, showing commitment and drive to help the children succeed not only in the classroom, but on the sports field.

On behalf of our whole school community, we send our very best wishes and the best of luck to Mr Smith for the future and thank him for everything he has done for the children, families and staff of our school. We know he will be missed.

Flu Vaccine

If you haven't yet signed your child up for the Flu Vaccine, you can find more information here:

[Flu Vaccine](#)

If you have problems registering, please use the contacts on the letter, as it is not organised by school.



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World Food Day – Change of Menu

Thursday 7 October is World Food Day. Our catering team have chosen to recognise the cuisine from Australia on this day. Therefore, the meal will consist of Chicken or Quorn fillet with a BBQ sauce, fries, cheesy bread damper. For dessert there will be Lamingtons.

Unfortunately, we can't promise the same weather the Australians enjoy!



Breakfast Club

We are really pleased that our Breakfast Club numbers are rising.

Please remember that we staff the club according to need, so would appreciate plenty of notice for changes in days. Late cancellations will incur a cost, as we will already have arranged staffing. Thank you for your understanding.

Currently, the cost of Breakfast Club is £4.00 per session. From January 1 2021, there will be a price increase (as agreed by our Governors) to £5.00 per session. We think this is still excellent value.

You can book places at Breakfast Club by e-mailing breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

Parents' Meetings

Today, your child should have brought home a letter about Parents' Meetings. Please return your requests to school asap. You can find the letter here in case it's not arrived home!

[Parents' Meetings](#)

Year Group Guides

Our teaching staff have been busy creating guides for each year group. These contain important information such as the adults working in each class and the learning expectations in the year group.

You can find the guides here:

[Year Group Guides](#)

We hope that you will find these documents useful.

Knowledge Organisers

Staff have also been creating Knowledge Organisers. These will be published each half term. One page is dedicated to the learning in each subject and a second page shows important vocabulary which will be used. It would be really useful if you could discuss this vocabulary with your child so that they become familiar with the words related to their learning.

Click here to find this half-term's [Knowledge Organisers](#)

Early Help News

Our Early Help team have asked us to share these very useful documents:

[Mental Health Support](#)

[Emotional Health and Wellbeing](#)

[Mental Health Leaflet](#)

Assemblies

Our whole school assemblies are focusing on our THRIVE values. [Thrive](#)

So far we have explored **Talented** and **Healthy**.

We are hoping that Reception will join assemblies once they are a bit more settled in!



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Hello Yellow

This year we are excited to once again be raising the awareness of mental health by taking part in Young Minds' Hello Yellow Day. Whilst the official day for this is on Friday 8 October, we will be celebrating it at SPS on **Wednesday 6 October**. We would love for children to come to school dressed in yellow, but we do not expect parents to go to the expense of buying anything special. The children will have a themed assembly and they will complete activities around emotional wellbeing, mental health and mindfulness during the day.

So that we can raise some money for this fantastic charity, we are asking for a donation of £1 per child. All of the money donated will go to Young Minds. **There is now an option to donate to this on Parent Pay.**

Thank you in advance for your support! For more information, click here:

[#helloyellow](#)

Clubs

We are slowly rolling out our offer of clubs.

Today, parents of Y2 & Y3 should have received information about a Dance Club on Thursdays via Parent Hub. This is run by one of our sports coaches from AVSSP.

[Y2 & Y3 Dance Club](#)

At some point next week, information about basketball/netball skills clubs will go out via Parent Hub – one for Y5 and one for Y6.

Once these are up and running, we will be offering a Y4 multi-skills club. Watch this space...

Please keep an eye on your little ones

Please ensure your little ones are supervised at the end of the day. Some of them have been running around whilst waiting for older siblings.

We would hate for any of them to be hurt. Thank you 😊

Friends of Swanwick Primary

Friends of Swanwick Primary is our equivalent of a PTFA (Parents, Teachers & Friends Association).

Last year, we were unable to run many of our events, which means that we weren't able to raise money for school projects.

This year, we are hoping to get back in the swing of things.

All of our school community – staff, parents and friends, are warmly invited to the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Zoom.

Please read here to learn more about how you can help your children:

[AGM Flyer](#)

Y6 News

Today was our first swimming session. There were a lot of excited Y6 children! If you haven't yet made a contribution to transport and are able to do so, please log into your Parent Pay account.

The White Hall trip is definitely going ahead! You should have received information about how to pay via Parent Pay this afternoon.

Vacancies

We are currently advertising for permanent and relief Midday Supervisors.

<https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/education-non-teachingsupport-services-contract-midday-supervisor-part-time-and-relief/27247.job>

Vertas, our cleaning provider, is also looking for new cleaners:

<https://www.vertas.co.uk/career/cleaner-derbyshire-7/>

If you are able to share these links, we would appreciate it.



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*We hope that you all have a lovely weekend.
We have had a great week in school – it is so
lovely to be able to do some of the normal
things again!*

