



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 1 October 2021

Celebrating Attendance

This week's attendance is ...92.3%

As well as small number of C19 cases in the school community, there are a lot of the usual seasonal illnesses around at the moment.

A special mention goes to Y2 with 96.2% this week.

Please remember to report all Covid 19 related information to:

covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

When we communicate a case to parents, we give as much information as we possibly can. Unfortunately, due to GDPR, we are unable to give any more information to parents in order to protect the identity and privacy of the affected individual. Thank you for your understanding.

We know that everyone is still building up their immune systems again after all the lockdowns and measures in place since March 2020. This also includes our staff. We have already had quite a few staff absences this school year which means that sometimes we have to shuffle staff around to make the huge jigsaw puzzle fit together. Thank you for being mindful of this.

A big thank you to all our staff who are brilliant at pulling together and helping out where they can in our team. 😊

Parents' Meetings

We were really pleased how this went this week. A big thank you to parents who came along in the pouring rain to meet with teachers. For those parents who are coming on **Wednesday 6 October**, please remember to read the memo we sent out earlier this week to help things to run smoothly and safely.

Acorns Class Parents' Meetings

Miss Mallard will be seeing parents on **Tuesday 5 October** (for those parents who originally had an appointment on Tuesday 28 September) and **Wednesday 6 October**.

Hazel Class Parents' Meetings

Unfortunately, Ms Fisher's Parents' Meetings **will not take place** on Wednesday 6 October. We will contact parents of Hazel Class again once we are in a position to rearrange the meetings. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

White Hall Deposits – Y6

Please remember that deposits for White Hall should have been paid by Thursday 30 September (yesterday). Thank you 😊

Hello Yellow

We will be celebrating Young Minds' Hello Yellow Day 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 for your support.

If you are struggling to find your feet after Covid-19 restrictions, our Early Help team have asked us to share this information about [Natterjacks](#)



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Bug Club

Bug Club is our online reading scheme which is used alongside physical books. It is hugely beneficial to children's learning, as it includes crucial practice in reading comprehension skills. Please check here for more information/a reminder of your child's login details:

[Bug Club](#)

Assemblies

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

This week, we have held assemblies exploring **independence** and Black History Month. Many of our Stars of the Week this week have shown great independence.

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.

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!

Girls' Football

Would your daughter like to play football? Please click on this link to see more information from [Sleetmoor Utd.](#)

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](#)

A message from Y3

As part of our Design and Technology lessons in Year 3 we will be making a model of a Woolly Mammoth. We ask that if possible, each child brings in an empty, clean, plastic, 4-pint milk bottle with their name on it **by Friday 8 October**. Thank you for your support.

Reception Class 2022

If you, or anyone you know, has a child due to start school in September 2022, please check our tour times. Feel free to share with your contacts:

[Reception 2022 Tours](#)

School Photographs

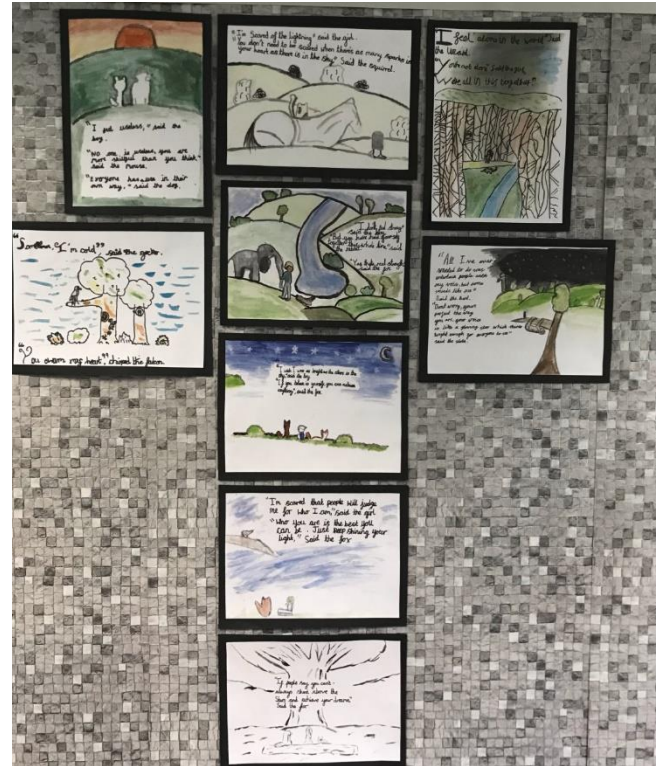
Our photographers will be in school on **Tuesday 12 October** to take individual photographs of children. There will be an opportunity for you to purchase these if you wish. Please note that on this occasion, we are unable to accommodate family or sibling group photographs. Thank you for your understanding.



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Pirate Day in Y2

Tuesday 19 October is Pirate Day in Year 2! The children have been studying the book 'The Pirates of Scurvy Sands' by Johnny Duddle and have been planning their own pirate adventure stories. On the day, children can come dressed as pirates. Please do not feel you have to buy costumes. A simple, stripy top or old shirt and jeans can make a marvellous outfit! They will learn to talk like a pirate, learn to follow directions to find buried treasure and role-play sailing the seven seas. It's sure to be a great day and will really bring our class book to life.



Wishing all of you a lovely weekend. See you all on Monday!

Thank you to Chestnut and Oak Classes

Y6 have been busy creating their own versions of Charlie Mackesy quotes and art work.

We're sure you will agree how beautiful they look and how poignant the quotes are. They are taking pride of place in Miss Fogg's office (which she has finally moved back into!)

