



SWANWICK STORY

Thursday 20 October 2021

Thank you and well done

Thank you and well done to everyone for making it through the first half-term of the year. We never imagined it would be quite so challenging – but we did it! We know that the children are ready for a break. There is no doubt that our staff deserve a well-earned rest 😊

We have had a number of lovely e-mails recently thanking us for all sorts of things. These are always lovely to receive – especially when things are a bit hard going! Thank you everyone – for everything.

Term Dates

Just a reminder that **school will close to pupils at the end of the day on Thursday 21 October.**

Friday 22 October is the day we have chosen to take as our 'Bank Holiday' in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday next June. Monday 1 November is a designated INSET Day. Therefore, **children should return to school on Tuesday 2 November.**

Covid 19 – thank you for your help

Well done to Ash, Birch and Hazel classes for adapting so well and quickly to working in their own Bubbles over the last couple of weeks.

Unless there is information which tells us we should do otherwise, these classes will run as normal after half-term.

We know things can change very quickly, so we will be continuing with online assemblies, wearing face coverings and all our extra preventative measures in school for the time being. Thank you to all of you for your support in this.

The current guidance is that all children who are well and not testing positive should come to school.

Whilst it is not compulsory for children of primary age to do regular Lateral Flow Device testing, they do catch positive cases early. These tests are intended if you are asymptomatic. You can order tests for your family here if this is something you feel you would like to do: [Order LFD Tests](#)

We would always suggest a PCR test if your child has been a possible contact of someone who has tested positive.

After half-term, we are required to give further information when we report positive cases in the school community, including all positive Lateral Flow Tests. Therefore, please remember to report **all** Covid 19 related information to: covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

Get Well Soon!

Sending our very best get well wishes to all of our school community who are feeling under the weather at the moment. We hope you are back with us all soon.

Knowledge Organisers

We hope you have found the Knowledge Organisers useful to understand what your child is learning and to explore key vocabulary with them. We are pleased to direct you to Knowledge Organisers for next half-term:

[Knowledge Organisers](#)

Oral Hygiene

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will have received their free oral hygiene packs today.

Oral hygiene is now an aspect of the new EYFS curriculum, but it does not stop there. Click on the links below for more information:

[Colgate Education Packs](#)
[Know how to brush](#)



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Helping you through autumn

Please click on the link to find ways in which Derbyshire County Council might be able to help families in need or crisis:

[Helping you through autumn](#)

Breakfast Club

Please can you ensure that you have completed the form to request your places for next half-term. If you have already completed the form, you do not need to do it again.

You can find the form here:

[Breakfast Club](#)

Please remember that Breakfast Club payments should be paid in advance and any outstanding payments may mean that we have to ask you not to bring your child to Breakfast Club – which we really don't want to do! Thank you to all parents who have paid up in full.

New Menu

Our new menu for school lunches will start after half-term. You can view it here:

[Menu](#)

Y6 – White Hall Payments

We would appreciate it if you could update your child's account by October 31. The amount payable is £50.00 (£25.00 for those children who receive the Pupil Premium). Thank you.

Of course, if you wanted to pay it all off at once – you are very welcome to do so.

Pirate Day in Y2

Year 2 had a great day on Tuesday when they came to school dressed as pirates as a follow up to their work on the book, 'The Pirates of Scurvy Sands!' They took part in a 'talk like a pirate' masterclass, learnt several sea shanties and competed against their 'ship mates' in a treasure hunt around the playground. The day ended with the most thrilling activity of all, the chance to walk the plank, climb the rigging and swing on ropes in an indoor obstacle course. A big thank you to parents for the wonderful costumes and the children for making the day really memorable.



Have a lovely holiday everyone – see you on
Tuesday 2 November 😊