



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 19 November 2021

Staffing

We wanted to let you know that we are encountering a significant reduction in staff at the moment, which is impacting on all other staff within the school. Everyone is stepping into other roles and we are shuffling staff around on a daily basis to ensure that we can run safely.

Whilst this is not an ideal situation, it enables us to stay open. We are keeping everything crossed that this situation starts to improve rather than decline. Many schools across the country are encountering the same kind of problems.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Staff are really struggling to keep all the plates spinning at the moment and pick up other people's roles too – we know they would really appreciate your kind words at this time. 😊



Punctuality

Unfortunately, we are again seeing the same children arriving at school after the gate closes at 8.55am. Please do let us know if we can do anything to help you to arrive at school on time. We will be sending out further letters in the near future to offer support to those parents who are still struggling with the morning routine.

Due to timetabling and staff shortages, lateness does impact significantly on staffing within the school. We always do our best to deal with latecomers quickly. Thank you for helping us by

clearly communicating your child's name, class and lunch arrangements to the office. If you know you find punctuality tricky, setting out an extra 5 minutes early would really help – especially since we are so short staffed at the moment.

We thank you for your support in helping your child to arrive on time for school every day.

Flu Immunisation

Yesterday, we were visited by nurses who delivered the flu vaccines to children whose parents had signed up for it. Some of you have asked about a mop-up session for those children who were absent/appeared to missed off the list.

The nurses have confirmed to us that anyone who was absent (and had signed up) will be contacted directly by e-mail to offer a clinic for immunisation. This would not take place in school.

Any further questions should be sent directly to the organisers as we are unable to answer questions directly:

DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

Covid Update

Please continue to e-mail any Covid related information to covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk so that we can log cases and report accordingly. We are asked to report on the type and date of any symptoms, the date of any positive LFD tests and the date of any positive PCR tests.

Thank you for continuing to wear face coverings on the school site. We do still have cases in school and it is impossible to know when they may escalate next.



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Football Success!



EYFS/Y1 Christmas Production

After careful consideration, we have sadly taken the decision to record the EYFS/Y1 Christmas Production rather than inviting parents into school. We simply can't invite parents of 120 children into school and guarantee the safety of our school community – and we certainly can't afford to lose any more staff. We would not want to be responsible for anyone having Covid for Christmas.

We know that some of you were asking so you could book time off work. We will share the production to you by the end of this term – which may be later than the original date of December 16 due to the need to edit videos etc.

Miss Wright will be leading on this and is currently looking into how we will share it with you and gaining parental permissions to film/share. Watch this space and we will keep you posted. Thank you for saving your questions at the moment until we have firmer plans in place, when we will let you know more.

Starting school - September 2022

Have you applied for your school place yet?

[School Place Application Leaflet](#)

Y6 White Hall Visit

Consent Forms were due back today. If you haven't sent it in yet, please return by Monday. Don't forget to keep paying a bit off your account on Parent Pay. Thank you.

[White Hall Consent Form](#)

Well done to Jayden and Corey who jointly earned Man of the Match when playing for Alfreton Town!

Catering Report

We have been asked by our providers to share this report with you:

[DCC Catering Report](#)

Pantomime Y1-Y6

Don't forget to log into your Parent Pay account to pay for this visit. If you are struggling with your account, please contact the office for some support.

We are pleased to let you know that Reception will have a visit from **Pinxton Puppets** on **January 20 2022**. More information about this can be found here:

[Pinxton Puppets](#)

Please note that you won't be able to pay for this on Parent Pay until we have set it up which will be early next week. In the meantime, if you have not yet activated or set up your account and need support with this, please let our admin team know by e-mailing info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk stating your child's full name and class.



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Christmas Lunch – book your child’s dinner

Please ensure you **book by Friday 26 November**. Sorry, but no orders can be taken after this date. Don't forget to mention any dietary requirements.

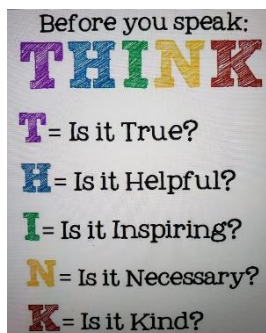
[Order Christmas Dinner - one form per child](#)

E-safety – Spread Kindness

The National Online Safety Group has shared this great poster:

[Spread Kindness](#)

This links very nicely to **Anti-Bullying Week** which we have been focusing on this week. The theme this year is **‘One Kind Word’**. We watched the following video and thought about how we can spread kindness around the school.



[One Kind Word](#)

A Message for Y1 Parents

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Year 1 Parents
Please can you send 1 box in with your child no larger than a cereal box?
The children will be making Tudor Houses as part of their current topic.
Please send these in by **Monday 22nd November** to the class teachers.
Thankyou!

Anaphylaxis – thank you for your support

Yesterday, we sent out a reminder that there are children in our school who have allergies which are potentially life-threatening. Please support our nut-free school by ensuring that nuts and products containing nuts are not sent into school. For further information and understanding, this website is very useful: <https://www.beatanaphylaxis.co.uk/>

Children in Need

The children looked fantastic today in their PJs, Pudsey ears and non-uniform.

So far we have raised £306.50 with money still rolling in. If you are planning to make a donation tonight during the programme, you can make it via our Parent Pay site to help our grand total!

Thank you for your generous donations!



Do you shop online?

Friends of Swanwick have set up two accounts for our school to help us to bring in some funds:

[Easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org)
[Amazon Smile](#)

These are essentially charitable cashback schemes for online shopping. They are super simple to use and we are hoping that we might be able to encourage as many parents and staff as possible to use them when doing both general online shopping but in particular, Christmas shopping, as this should yield a reasonable amount for us.

If you can, please sign up for the schemes (and share with your family and friends) and use them when you shop online.