



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 26 November 2021

Staffing

We continue to encounter staff shortages.
Thank you for your support and understanding.

These are the things you could do to really help us out:

- Ensure your child arrives at school on time
- Report your child's absence on EACH day of absence by e-mailing absence@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk ensuring you include your child's full name, class and reason for absence
- Reporting any positive LFD or PCR tests to covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk stating date of positive LFD, date of positive PCR and any symptoms and what they were

Deadline today - Christmas Lunch

Please ensure you **book by Friday 26 November**.

Sorry, but no orders can be taken after today.

Don't forget to mention any dietary requirements.

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

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.

It is important that school is informed of ALL positive cases in children – whether through LFD or PCR tests.

Flu Immunisation – another update

The Flu Immunisation Team have been in touch with us again. Due to the high number of children still needing immunisation, they have decided to come back to school to do a mop-up session. This will be on Tuesday 21 December. The original letter to sign up for this is still on our website in case you would like to sign up.

[Flu Immunisation](#)

Please direct any questions regarding this to: DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

Farewell to Mr Blount-Hogg

At the end of this term we will say goodbye to Mr Blount-Hogg who has secured an exciting new position abroad.

Mr Blount-Hogg, who joined us in the middle of lockdown in April 2020, has not only been a great member of our SPS teaching team, but has also done wonders with our Maths Curriculum, instilling confidence in the staff as they took on a new scheme and implemented it.

We would like to thank him for all his hard work, commitment and boundless enthusiasm during his time with us. If enthusiasm could be bottled – we would make a million! All the very best in your new venture Mr Blount-Hogg!

We welcome Miss Hicklin, who will be taking over the teaching of Rowan Class in January and will be spending lots of time in school before then to ensure a really smooth transition. Miss Hicklin has already been working in school for several weeks and we know you will give her a really warm SPS welcome.

Congratulations to Miss Harris, who will be looking after the leadership of maths across the school until the end of this academic year, when we hope to make a permanent appointment to lead maths across the school.



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EYFS/Y1 Christmas Production

Please ensure your permission slip is returned to school asap so that we can plan filming. Thank you 😊

Starting school - September 2022

Have you applied for your school place yet?

[School Place Application Leaflet](#)

Being a good role model

In assembly this week we talked about how the older children can be good role models for younger children.

A reminder was also given about STOP (Start Telling Other People) if anyone encountered a situation which they were unhappy with on the playground. We are always here to sort out any issues in school. The sooner we know about things, the sooner we can sort any issues out.

Parent Governor Election

We have two vacancies for Parent Governors. Information regarding this has been shared via Parent Hub earlier this afternoon.

Online Safety

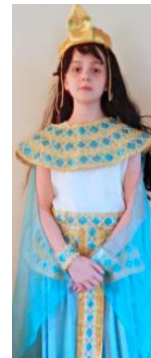
It has come to our attention this week that some of our younger children are accessing a mobile game 'Poppy's Playtime'. It has not been out long and is generating a lot of popularity on YouTube videos and influencers. It's a horror/puzzle game in which you attempt to escape a toy factory. 'Huggy Wuggy' is a villain in the game and this could be scary for some of our younger children. The game has no age rating, so young children can access it. We ask parents to be aware of this if their children are accessing this game at home.

Year 4 Visit Egypt!

This term, Year 4 have been working extremely hard learning all about Ancient Egypt, and for the children to gain a greater understanding of the Ancient Egyptians, we are organising an amazing Egyptian day. To fully immerse ourselves in the day (and for fun), **we are asking the children to dress up in costume on Wednesday 9 December.**



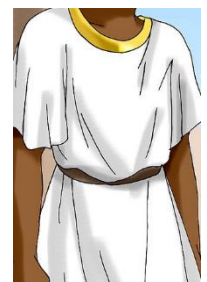
We would be very grateful if you could supply your child with a homemade or inexpensive costume in the style of an Ancient Egyptian (children could dress in all black or white and we will make a collar on the day).



Children will be in their costume for the whole day and will have some time outside so please ensure they come with a coat and suitable footwear. We will not be doing our PE on this day.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 4 Team





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Year 6 Book Club

Year 6 children have organised a book club to celebrate reading, books they are enjoying and reading a group text. Their first chosen book is 'Percy Jackson and the lightning thief'. They will meet each Wednesday lunchtime.

Well done Niamh!

We received a beautifully heartfelt story this week from one of our parents. Niamh (Chestnut Class, Y6) has been busy fundraising with her Mum to raise money for Ashgate Hospice having lost a family member to Cancer.

Niamh's Mum completed a 24-hour Spin Bike session, with Niamh riding alongside Mum during training sessions. Not only that, but Niamh organised a cake stall, offering a 'Brew and a Bun' deal for £2.00 a time.

Last Friday, they were able to present Ashgate Hospice with a cheque for a whopping £2,374!

We are so proud of Niamh and her efforts to support her Mum, be an entrepreneur and raise such a lot of money for a very worthwhile cause. Go Niamh! 😊



Coding Club – Y5

Starting from next Wednesday, Miss Richards will be running a Year 5 lunch time Coding club from 12:45- 1:15pm in Sycamore Class (Year 5). The club will involve programming toys, along with making and programming robot cars! Miss Richards will be visiting classrooms at the start of next week to sign up those children who are interested.

Sporting News

Congratulations to the year 5 and 6 Basketball team who came 3rd last night in the AVSSP schools' competition. It was a really close competition with the team finishing second in their group on goal difference. They then went on to play for 3rd place. It was a real pleasure to take such a super group of children who not only showed great skill, but throughout showed excellent team work and great sportsmanship. Well done, we are all very proud of you.

Mrs Turner and Miss Mallard



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](https://www.amazon.com/s?ref=ast_holiday)

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.

Have a lovely weekend 😊