



# SWANWICK STORY

**Friday 11 February 2022**

## **Covid 19 Update**

All classes are now out of Bubbles – which is a great relief to us all! The children and staff have been absolutely brilliant at adapting at a moment's notice.

There are still cases of C19 in our school community, but the number has slowed significantly. Some individuals have been unlucky enough to have had it twice, so please continue to be vigilant.

Please do continue to e-mail any Covid related information to [covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk) so that we can log cases and report/act accordingly. It is important that we know about all positive cases so that we can take extra precautions if we notice an outbreak in a particular class or year group.

We would like to slowly, but carefully, start to adjust measures in school – depending on cases at any given time. Unless we inform you otherwise, we would like to invite **all adults on the site to use their own choice and discretion regarding the wearing of face coverings**. We will let you know if we need your help with this again and thank all of you for your support in this so far.

We are still experiencing staffing shortages which impact somewhere in the school every day. Things are getting better, but every day is different. We are currently struggling in Reception, Y1 and within our Leadership Team, so please be mindful of this. Thank you for your continued understanding, kind words and patience.

## **Attendance Monitoring**

The Department for Education are going to start monitoring attendance on a more regular basis. Here is a letter for you with further information including how you can read the privacy notice for this activity:

[Attendance Monitoring](#)

## **Staff Vacancies**

We have some vacancies advertised on our website:

[Vacancies](#)

## **Y6 Visit to White Hall**

You can find a bit more information about the Y6 visit to White Hall here:

[White Hall Visit](#)

## **Duplo Donation!**

When we were offered a donation of Duplo, we were very quick to say 'yes please!'

Peter Wainwright (Elizabeth's Dad) and Jason Greenwood visited us on Wednesday this week to deliver boxes of the construction toy which has been kindly donated by Toyota. We are still working out how to share it around the school, but feel so lucky to have such a good quality resource donated to us for free. Thank you so much!





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## **Distribution of free food support vouchers to families who receive benefit related free school meals**

You should now have received these vouchers. They will have been sent out by email or text by a voucher provider, Huggg LTD and will be sent from the address: [hello@huggg.me](mailto:hello@huggg.me)

If you have not received a voucher by Tuesday 15 February 2022, please complete the online enquiry form at

[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)

The emails will look like this:

Please note that school have no further information about the vouchers.

## **Breakfast Club**

Registered users of Breakfast Club can now book your places for next half-term here:

### [Book Places](#)

Any further enquiries should be e-mailed to [breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:breakfastclub@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Please can we ask that children who attend Breakfast Club arrive no later than 8.15am if they are requiring breakfast. This means that we are able to prepare and serve it prior to the start of the school day. A few children have been arriving later and if there is a lot, it makes it a tight squeeze to fit into the remaining time. Thank you for your support.

## **Don't forget to book your place!**

Swanwick Friends are holding a virtual quiz night on **Friday 18 February 6.30pm-7.30pm.**

This will be a great time for you to spend time with your family and friends. For £3.00 per team you can enjoy an evening of fun, whilst also raising important funds for the school.

There will be different prizes throughout the night, including best team name – so get your thinking cap on!

Quiz rounds include Disney and a teachers' round. Perfect for children and adults alike, book your tickets now through Parent Pay.

This is a virtual evening and will be held on Microsoft Teams. You will be sent an invitation to join and the rules of the evening closer to the time.

## **Bedtime Reading – Reception, Y1 & Y2**

We will be holding our Bedtime Reading event a little differently this year. We still ask that your child puts on their pyjamas, grabs a hot chocolate and settles down for a story whilst snuggling with teddy. At **5.00pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**, log in to Microsoft Teams - Mr Morris and Mrs Holdsworth will be sharing their favourite stories with the children. The children can show their favourite story too.

A link with the Teams Invite will be sent via Parent Hub to all parents of children in Reception, Y1 and Y2.

## **Promoting Positive Relationships**

On Wednesday, we shared our new approach to rewards with the children. There was a LOT of excitement. These link directly to our new Promoting Positive Relationships Policy which you can find here:

### [Behaviour Policy](#)

We talked about everyone learning how to THRIVE by being:

- A Team player
- Honest
- Respectful
- Inclusive
- Valued
- Engaged



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We also discussed about our differences and how everyone needed a different approach and had their own needs. This picture about Equity demonstrates this and was talked about:



Rewards include:



Having a job to do in the classroom



A 'phone call home



Stickers



Verbal praise



A Praise Pad message home





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## Y3 Dodgeball

A team of Year 3 dynamos went to Alfreton Leisure to compete in a dodgeball tournament. All of the team approached the competition with a positive attitude. We played very well, winning two and narrowly losing two. All children played with integrity, worked well as a team and considering that the tournament had year 4 children included, showed great maturity. They truly made myself, Miss Wright and Swanwick Primary proud. Special praise to our parents who got involved in the adults' game and thank you for your fantastic support.

*Miss Calderbank*



A card through the post



A piece of Swanwick Silver, which goes in the class jar to collect together for a prize decided by the class!



By the end of February the sun won't set until 5:39pm!

 March 7:32pm  
April 8:22pm  
May 9:07pm  
June 9:21pm

Brighter days are coming!

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