



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 18 February 2022

Another busy week at SPS and we have made it to half-term! School closes today, **Friday 18 February** and reopens to pupils on **Monday 28 February**.

Covid 19 Update

Well done to Chestnut Class who have spent this week in a Bubble.

We do continue to have staffing shortages. 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.

Please continue to report positive cases over the holidays. Try not to worry if you don't get a response immediately – we will check at the beginning and end of the holiday and get back to you as soon as we can.

E-mail any Covid related information to 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.

Goodbye for now...

...to Miss Fox as she starts her maternity leave. We hope that you have a good rest before baby arrives and we look forward to meeting your little one soon! 😊

Staff Vacancies

We have some vacancies advertised on our website:
[Vacancies](#)

PE Uniform Days for after half-term

EYFS	Friday
Year 1	Monday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Tuesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday

Classes in bold have changes. Please remember to send your child to school in their PE Uniform on these days. We would like to remind you that PE Uniform should be plain black/grey joggers or leggings, a plain white t-shirt and black/grey/burgundy hoodie or sweater and trainers.

Bedtime Reading

A big thank you to Mr Morris and Mrs Holdsworth for organising this week's online Bedtime Reading event for EYFS, Y1 & Y2. The children who attended enjoyed 'Whatever Next' and 'Mr Large in Charge' by Jill Murphy, and 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. Thank you to all children, parents and staff who joined us – we hope you enjoyed it!

Online Safety Update

Mr Cartwright would like to draw your attention to 'Wink' – a messaging app which is causing safeguarding concerns at the moment.





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Phonics Evening

Reading and Phonics Support Session

If you are a parent of a child in EYFS or Year 1, this session is for you! We will explain...

The Year 1 Phonics Screening
Our Phonics Scheme

How to support your child with reading and writing at home
Plus everything inbetween!

This event will be on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 2nd March
5pm-6pm (Simply join using the link below)

Please click here to access the meeting:

[Phonics Event](#)

World Book Day

Thursday 3 March is World Book Day. This year is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the charity event. The theme for this year is ***promoting a love of books and pleasure for reading.***

There will be various book based activities throughout the day and a World Book Day quiz assembly. The children are invited to **bring their favourite book into school** to share with the class or with a friend. The children are also invited to **come dressed as a book character.**

There are many ideas online for simple, homemade outfits so please do not go to great expense. Please bear in mind that the costume needs to be warm enough and practical enough to go outside in at playtime.

We look forward to spending time on the day exploring different books and of course seeing all the great costumes!

All children should have brought home a £1.00 Book Token this week to spend on a book of their choice over half-term.



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is creeping up on us once again and will be held on **Friday 18 March**. On this day, your child can either dress down (non-uniform) or come dressed as a Super Hero. We ask for a £1.00 donation to be paid via ParentPay to go towards this very worthy cause.

We hope to compete in a Red Nose Quiz within our classes, in our House Teams. Throughout the day, each class will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of fun and silly activities!

Click [here](#) to make your donation.

Competition Time!

We are delighted to announce a colouring competition in conjunction with John Palins, our local fruit and veg supplier. The task is to create a design for their delivery vans!

Design – theme of ‘healthy eating’

Medium - felt tip pens, ink or paint

Templates – click [here](#).

Deadline - Monday 14 March

Winners - will be announced on Wednesday 23 March by Palins.

Miss Holmes

Dogs around the school site

It is always lovely to see your dogs and to see they are getting lots of exercise.

A few parents have been in touch with us with concerns about their children being wary of some dogs who can jump up or bark and snap a lot.

We ask that dog owners are mindful that some children have genuine fears about dogs. It would really help their anxieties if you stood further away from the school premises if your dog is likely to be jumping up or barking a lot. Thank you so much for your understanding. 😊



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Thank you!

A massive thank you to you all for the continued support you give to the school through tricky times. We honestly didn't imagine that this half-term would be as tough as it has been – with lots of Covid cases, bubbles and staffing shortages – but we have done it together.

An extra special thank you to our incredible team of staff who have continued to go over and above to keep the school open during this time. Some days it has been almost impossible to keep some classes open – but we did it!

Wishing you all a very well-earned half-term holiday and a very good rest! See you on **Monday 28 February.**

