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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer



Parent Governor

Following the recent Parent Governor nomination, there was one nomination and so no election will be required. We would like to welcome Hannah Stannard to our Governing Board. Her brief biography is included below:

'As a primary teacher, and being married to a secondary school teacher, our family have a passion for education. We moved to the village in 2020 and have two young children Jude and Florence. Jude began his Swanland journey in September and has continued to flourish with a love for learning. I have been teaching for 14 years and moved into my headship in 2017. Being a governor at the school will allow me to support the school and provide challenge to continue to provide a great environment for children to learn and provide an excellent education for all.'



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Forget

REMINDER: Remembrance Day – TOMORROW – Friday 11th November 2022

Any children who are a member of the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts organisations may wear their uniform to school tomorrow, Friday 11th November.



REMINDER: ODD SOCKS DAY – Monday 14th November 2022

On Monday 14th November, we are holding our Odd Socks Day! All the children need to do is wear odd socks! It is a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique during Anti-Bullying Week, focusing on this year's theme, 'Reach Out'. The children do not need to bring in any money and they still need to wear their school uniform ... but with odd socks!



Second-Hand Book Sale – Friday 25th November 2022

Year 2 staff are organising a Second-Hand Book Sale, to raise funds to buy D&T equipment for the whole school. If you have any good quality books at home, that your children no longer read and that you would like to donate to school to sell in a Second-Hand Book Sale, please send them in by Wednesday 23rd November. We will be holding the Second-Hand Book Sale during the afternoon of Friday 25th November and straight after school until 4.00 pm.

Children will be invited to come to the book sale during the Friday afternoon. Further information to follow nearer the time.

PTO



PTA Santa's Grotto at Christmas Fayre – Saturday 26th November 2022 – SOLD OUT!

Please note, tickets for Santa's Grotto are now **SOLD OUT!** If you missed out, you can always ask his elves on the day if any slots have come free.



Reading Suitcase

The School Council came up with a new idea of having a Reading Suitcase. They have been working hard to get their idea up and running and have used some of the money raised at the school Halloween disco to be able to provide every class with their own reading suitcase.

Each suitcase contains; 2 books, a teddy (Rec and KS1) or fidget toys (KS2), a pen and a pencil, a diary, hot chocolate and a snack.

Each Friday, the class teacher will choose a child who has tried very hard to follow all our Swanland values (trying their best, being respectful, being kind and taking pride in what they have done). That child will then take home the suitcase on the Friday and return it by the following Thursday.

Hopefully, the children will enjoy reading the books, either on their own or with a friend or family member, or having the books read to them. We hope they enjoy having a tasty drink and snack (or letting their family enjoy it if they don't like it!). The School Council wanted the children to also have a little teddy to cuddle or fidget toy to play with while they read their books, as well as enjoying looking after or playing with them for the week. The diary is for children (parents/carers) to fill in about, for example, what they thought about the books, if they enjoyed their hot chocolate and snack, if they enjoyed looking after the teddy or playing with the fidget toys – anything they would like to write about their week with the suitcase. You can also add photos if you would like to.

When your child returns the suitcase, they need to return it with the books, diary, pen, pencil, teddy or fidget toys please for the next child to enjoy. Thank you.



Christmas by the Pond 2022 – Poster Competition (deadline 25th November 2022)

Swanland Parish Council is holding a poster competition to design the poster for this year's Christmas by the Pond event. To enter; the poster needs to be a picture and must include the date Monday 19th December on it. Please put your child's name and age on the back and hand it in to school **by 25th November 2022**. Good luck!



ParentPay Current Online Payments

- School Council Movie Night – due tomorrow, 11th November
- Year 6 Mayan Activity Day – due 18th November
- Year 4 Residential to Cranedale (Balance) – due 26th January

CURRENT VACANCIES



Part-Time Catering Assistant – DEADLINE: Monday 21st November 2022 at 3.30 pm

We currently have a vacancy for a part-time Catering Assistant within our school kitchen, working Monday to Friday for 23 hours per week, term-time only plus 4 days – the post is available to start from Monday 28th November or as soon as possible thereafter. The role is currently paid at NJC SCP 1 (ie £18,333 pa pro rata or £9.50/hour, although there is a pay award pending from April 2022, increasing the salary to £20,258 pa pro rata or £10.50/hour).

Working as part of a team of six, the successful applicant would be helping to prepare and serve food and drink to children and adults within the school, maintaining excellent safety, cleanliness and hygiene standards. The position is both busy and varied and, although previous experience would be desirable, it is not essential. (Please be aware, this is a physical role involving standing, bending and lifting and applicants will need to be physically able to cope with these duties.)

If you, or anyone you know, is/are interested in this vacancy, please see further details on [our school website](#) or on the [ERYC Recruitment Website](#)

NB: INTERVIEWS will be held during the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd November 2022



Teaching Assistant Level 1 – DEADLINE: Friday 18th November 2022 at 12.00 pm

We currently have three fixed-term part-time vacancies for a Teaching Assistant, available as soon as possible after interview. These are Level 1 posts and would be suitable for those with a Level 1 Teaching Assistant qualification or above. These roles are currently paid at NJC SCP 3 (ie £18,887 pa pro rata or £9.79/hour, although there is a pay award pending from April 2022, increasing the salary to £20,812 pa pro rata or £10.79/hour).

The vacancies involve working on a one-to-one basis, supporting a child with an EHCP, as well as some general classroom support. Previous experience of working on a one-to-one basis with a child with special needs would be desirable.

If you, or anyone you know, is/are interested in this vacancy, please see further details on our website at: [our school website](#) or on the [ERYC Recruitment Website](#)

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Flyers on the School Website

Community flyers added to the School website this week are listed below.

All flyers can be found by [clicking on this link](#)

Disclaimer: Swanland Primary School does not endorse the following flyers; we are simply sharing the information.

- November Parenting Clinic – Behaviour (under Education, Parenting Clinics)
- Parenting Clinics from November to January (under Education, Parenting Clinics)

PTO



Dates for your



Autumn Term 2022 Diary (→ [New Diary Item](#))

Friday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Monday 14th November – Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 16th November – Yr 3 Visit to The Deep

Friday 18th November – Children in Need Non-Uniform Day

Friday 18th November – School Council Movie Night

→ Monday 21st November – 6KG Visit to Melton for Jubilee Woodland Tree Planting

Friday 25th November – Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Chocolate Tombola for the PTA Xmas Fayre

→ Friday 25th November – Second-Hand Book Sale

→ Friday 25th November – Yr 6 Mayan Activity Day (*see separate letter*)

→ Saturday 26th November – Yr 4 Primary Enterprise Stalls at PTA Christmas Fayre (*see separate letter*)

Saturday 26th November – PTA Christmas Fayre from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

→ Monday 28th November – Yr 4 Christmas Fayre from 3.30 to 4.30 pm (*see separate letter*)

→ Monday 12th December – Yr 4 Primary Enterprise (Craft Products) – 9.00–12.00 pm (*see separate letter*)

Tuesday 13th December – Yr 3 Festive Afternoon

Thursday 15th December – Whole School visit to Hull New Theatre

Wednesday 21st December – School Closes for Christmas Holiday (3.20 pm)

Thursday 5th January 2023 – School Re-opens After Christmas Holiday (8.45–8.50 am)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Stephenson
Head Teacher