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24th November 2022

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer



New Hedgerow Plants – Please Use Designated Pathways

A selection of British hedgerow plants, donated to the School as part of this year's Jubilee celebrations, have been planted along the edge of the Staff Car Park. To avoid damaging these immature plants, with their root systems still being established, please use the designated pathways and do not walk between them. Thank you.



REMINDER: Non-Uniform Day in Support of the PTA Christmas Fayre

TOMORROW Friday 25th November

All the children are invited to take part in a non-uniform day tomorrow, Friday 25th November in exchange for a donation to the PTA Christmas Fayre's 'Chocolate Tombola' and/or 'Cake Stall'. Thank you for your support!



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

The PTA Christmas Fayre is this Saturday 26th November from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. There will be lots of stalls selling Christmas goodies and it is **FREE** entry!



The School Choir will be performing at 10.30 am and the café will be open for bacon sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, cakes and drinks between 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.



Santa will be in his Grotto between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm. Tickets are **SOLD OUT**. For those of you lucky enough to purchase a ticket, we hope you enjoy your visit! Please remember your voucher on the day.



Do visit Year 4's 'Primary Enterprise' Craft Stalls where you will find products and games to purchase and, in turn, earn the Year 4 children some money! The stalls will be in the Year 4 Classrooms from 9.45 am to 2.00 pm.



If you have not done so already, do not forget to purchase your Raffle Tickets! As well purchasing the tickets sent home, they will be for sale on the day too! There are some super prizes and, at £1.00 a ticket, it represents great value should you win!! **Any tickets sent home should be returned (sold or unsold) to the School Office tomorrow, Friday 25th November.** Thank you.



As with all events, help setting up, running stalls and clearing away is needed and greatly appreciated. If you can spare any time at all, [please click here](#), where you can sign up to offer your help. Thank you in advance!

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REMINDER: Christmas By The Pond 2022 – Poster Competition

(deadline TOMORROW 25th Nov 2022)

Entries to the Swanland Parish Council poster competition must be handed in to school by **Friday 25th November 2022.**



Nasal Spray Flu Vaccinations CATCH UP SESSION – Wednesday 30th November 2022

The immunisation nurses will be in school on **Wednesday 30th November**, to give the nasal spray flu vaccination in a catch-up session to those children in all year groups that have **parental consent** that missed the original vaccination date.



Children in Need Non-Uniform Day – still time to donate!

So far, we have raised **£730.00** towards Children in Need – thank you! If you have not had a chance to donate yet, there is still time to **make your donation via this link up until Friday 2nd December 2022.**

The competition ‘How many SPOTS are on our School Council?’ was a great success and raised **£168.00** for Children in Need. The Reception/KS1 winner was in 2JP; KS2 winners were from 6AN/JS and 5RC. Well done!



Christmas Parties!

Please see separate letters, sent today, regarding the forthcoming Christmas parties on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st December! A contribution towards the cost of the party, as stated in each of the letters, would be gratefully received. These are now available on the [ParentPay](#) website for you to pay online in the usual way.



Christmas Post Box – Please Remember To Put Child’s Name and Class on Envelopes!

The children may now send Christmas cards to their friends at Swanland Primary School in the special post box situated outside the Main Hall! The cards will be personally delivered to the classrooms each day. Please help our ‘posties’ by ensuring that the **name and class** are clearly stated on the envelope – thank you.



CHANGE OF DATE: Second-Hand Book Sale – Friday 13th January 2023

Thank you for all your book donations! The new date for the Second-Hand Book Sale will be Friday 13th January 2023, during the afternoon and then after school until 4.00 pm.



Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Firth

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Firth, who are leaving their roles at Swanland Primary School. Both have worked with us for a number of years across all year groups. We would like to thank them for all their hard work, dedication and efforts over the years. I am sure you will join us in sending very best wishes to both Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Firth in all they do in the future.

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Mission Christmas – Donations by Thursday 15th December 2022

Swanland Primary School is going to be a drop-off point for Mission Christmas this year. We would like to be part of helping to put smiles on children's faces and ensuring all the children across East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire have a Happy Christmas.

Mission Christmas is an appeal that aims to help children living in poverty at this special time of year, by collecting gifts to distribute to the children. If you would like to donate a gift(s), they ask that all gift donations to the appeal to be new and unwrapped and suitable for children and young people aged 0–18 years. Unfortunately, they are unable to take handmade gifts and food items for health and safety reasons.

Please send gifts in with the children or drop them at the School Office by Thursday 15th December 2022. For further information, [please click here](#). Thank you for your help and support.



Car Parking Concerns – Please Help Us To Help Our Neighbours

The residents of Waller Grove (the street next to school off Tranby Lane) have asked us to write to parents regarding parking on this street and opposite the entrance to this street. Waller Grove is a private road, which is privately maintained and paid for by the residents and, as such, is **NOT** available for general car parking by the public.

People parking inconsiderately on this road at the beginning and end of the school day has become a large problem for the residents, which is getting worse as the dark nights set in. People are mounting the curb, parking on the grass verges and causing damage, as well as blocking driveways, blocking the gates to Stapleton Court and preventing bin lorries from being able to make collections.

We hope you will work with us to help maintain good relations with our neighbours and refrain from parking on this road. Thank you.



VACANCIES for Midday Supervisors – APPLICATION DEADLINE 12TH DECEMBER 2022

We currently have various vacancies for a Midday Supervisor, working across the lunch break, either five days a week or, perhaps, just on a couple of days a week, starting from January 2023.

Would you like to help us out, supervising the children during the lunchbreak? The shifts are for one hour and twenty minutes and, of course, you would be working term-time only, so still have the holidays free! The salary for this role is £20,258 pa pro rata (£10.50/hr). If you are interested in joining us, why not give us a call to find out more or take a look at [our school website](#)? Please give Debbie Carvalho, our School Business Manager, a call on (01482) 631300 if you have any questions, would like to visit the school or would simply like an application form.

Interviews will be held on the morning of Wednesday 14th December 2022

ParentPay Current Online Payments

- Year 2 Polar Express Non-Uniform Pyjama Day – due 2nd December
- Reception Nativity Performance – due 7th December
- Year 6/5 Christmas Performance – due 7th December
- Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Christmas Party – due 9th December
- Year 3/4 Christmas Party/Disco – due 9th December

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- Year 5/6 Christmas Movie Afternoon – due 9th December
- Year 4 Residential to Cranedale (Balance) – due 26th January 2023



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.

- National Sleep Helpline (2 pages) (*under Education Opportunities, SEND*)
- A Christmas Carol, St Barnabas Church (*under Days Out, Entertainment*)
- Free Parenting Clinics – Dec–Feb (*under Education, Parenting Clinics*)
- Free Parenting Clinics – December, Emotions (*under Education, Parenting Clinics*)
- Relax Kids Workshops – Confidence (*under Children's Clubs, Christmas Holidays*)

Dates for your



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

Friday 25th November – Non-Uniform Day re Chocolate Tombola at the PTA Xmas Fayre

Friday 25th November – Year 6 Mayan Activity Day

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

Monday 28th November – Year 4 Christmas Fayre from 3.30 to 4.30 pm

→ Wednesday 30th November – Nasal Spray Flu Vaccinations **CATCH UP SESSION**

Tuesday 6th December – Joint Choir/Strings Music Concert from 3.45 to 4.30 pm

→ Friday 9th December – Year 2 Polar Express Non-Uniform Pyjama Day (*see separate letter*)

Monday 12th December – Year 4 Primary Enterprise (Making Craft Products) – 9.00 am–12.00 pm

Monday 12th December – Years 6 & 5 Christmas Performance at 1.40 pm & 6.30 pm

Tuesday 13th December – Year 3 Festive Afternoon

Tuesday 13th December – Years 6 & 5 Christmas Performance, 6.30 pm

Wednesday 14th December – Reception Christmas Nativity, 10.00 am

Wednesday 14th December – School Christmas Dinner (*details to follow*)

Thursday 15th December – Reception Christmas Nativity, 10.00 am

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

→ Friday 16th December – Reception/KS1 Movie Morning

→ Friday 16th December – KS2 Movie afternoon

→ Monday 19th December – KS1 Christmas Party with Puzzling Paul (*see separate letter*)

→ Tuesday 20th December – Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party/Disco (*see separate letter*)

→ Wednesday 21st December – Years 5 and 6 Christmas Movie Afternoon (*see separate letter*)

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)

→ Friday 13th January – Second-Hand Book Sale

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Stephenson – Head Teacher