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21st December 2023

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

We cannot quite believe it is already time to be writing to you with this final letter of 2023! It has been a busy term with trips, visitors, plays and concerts and we hope the children have enjoyed the range of opportunities they have had this term. We are looking forward to an equally busy Spring Term!

So, from all the staff at Swanland Primary School, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2024!



Drop off and Pick up arrangements from January 2024

From January 2024, the drop off and pick up arrangements for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will change. Years 3-6 will continue with the current arrangements in place.

In the morning, children and parents in all year groups should enter the playground through the gates next to the pond or on Tranby Lane, closest to Waller Grove. The gate next to the Astro turf will not be opened come January. Children in Reception will be able to enter the Reception play area via the gate nearest to RHM. Children in Years 1 and 2 will wait on the new KS1 playground and will line up when the whistle goes. The children have been shown where to line up. When the whistle is blown, please could we ask Parents to move to the back of the playground, next to the play apparatus in order to give space for lining up.



At the end of the day, parents can enter the school site in the same way as in the morning. Reception children can be picked up in the usual manner, however, please note from Tuesday 9th January 2024, the end of the school day will be at 3.20 pm for the Reception classes rather than at 3.10 pm. This is to fall in line with the rest of the school. Years 1 and 2 children will be brought out onto the new KS1 playground. Again, please can we ask that Parents stand at the back of the playground, near the playground apparatus, to give the classes space to dismiss.



Outdoor Play

We are trying to develop our play opportunities for the children of Swanland School, so in May we will be starting a programme called OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) which the PTA have kindly agreed to support with funding. However, in the meantime we are looking to purchase some storage and other useful items, therefore we have made an Amazon Wishlist. Perhaps you would like to support us by sponsoring, donating or contributing towards one of these items? Perhaps you have something at home similar that you no longer use or know someone who can make something? If you can assist at all, we would really appreciate any donations from individuals or companies that would like to support our school. [Click here to see our Amazon Wishlist](#). Thank you.



School Closure Procedures

Should the School close for any reason, for example, in the case of extreme bad weather, the following procedures will be followed:

If the School must close prior to the start of a school day:

- **Text:** We will text all parents (Emergency Contact No 1) to advise of the closure so please ensure you keep the School Office informed of any changes to your mobile telephone number.
- **Website:** There will be an update posted on the School website, www.swanlandschool.co.uk – [under Key Info/The School Day and Notices](#).
- **Telephone:** There will be an emergency closure message on our telephone answer machine, directing parents to the website.
- **Radio:** As in past years, we will advise local radio stations of the closure and you will be able to hear those reports on the morning radio.

Should the School have to close early during the school day:

- **Text:** We will text all parents to advise of the closure (as above).
- **Website:** There will be an update posted on the school website www.swanlandschool.co.uk – [under Key Info/The School Day and Notices](#).
- **Telephone:** Should any children remain uncollected; we will endeavour to telephone any/all of your child's contacts in order for him/her to be collected safely from school.

Where possible, we will endeavour to open the School and will risk assess how many children we can accommodate with staff numbers being taken into consideration. Priority will be given to the children of critical workers in the first instance. Should the School have to be closed for prolonged periods of time, remote learning will be offered via Microsoft Teams so please ensure you know your child's log in details.



Starting Reception in September 2023 – DEADLINE 15th January 2024

We are fast approaching the deadline for applying for a school place for Reception 2024 which is 15th January 2024. If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 and you live in the East Riding, you should apply now for a school place in September 2024. Applications should be made online by [clicking here](#).



School Book Amnesty!

During the Christmas holidays, would you please check your child's books at home and return any that have the School's name on them (ie from our Library or from your child's classroom). Thank you!



The Poppy Appeal – Thank You!

Through your kind donations, the school raised a fantastic **£524.92** towards The Poppy Appeal. Thank you everyone!



School Trends – January's School Uniform Order – 10% off!

School Trends are giving 10% off January's School Uniform Orders.

Valid for January 2024 – Offer Code: HAPPY2024.

ParentPay – Current Online Payments

- Year 2 Scooter Awareness Programme – due Tuesday 9th January 2024
- Year 5 Bikeability Training – due Monday 15th January 2024
- Year 4 Residential to Cranedale – Final Payment – due Thursday 1st February 2024
- Year 5 Residential to Robinwood – Final Payment – due Wednesday 28th February 2024

Please note, deadlines for events will no longer be extended. Once the deadline has passed, ticket sales will be closed. Thank you.



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.

- **Fit4Fun Before/After School Clubs** (under Children's Clubs, Fit4Fun)
- **Fit4Fun Schools Out!** (under Children's Clubs, Christmas Holidays)
- **Carols around the Crib** (under Days Out, Entertainment & Misc – Days Out)
- **Dan Ward Tutor** (under Education Opportunities/Lifestyle Improvement – Tutoring)

CURRENT VACANCIES



Midday Supervisor

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor, preferred days being Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (some or all of those days).

This role is currently paid at £22,366 pa pro rata or £11.59/hour.

The position is working for 1 hour 20 minutes between 11.55 am to 1.15 pm, term-time only. The successful applicant would be supervising the children during the lunch break on the playground, in the classroom (if it is wet!) or in the dining hall whilst the children are eating their dinners.

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

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS – Friday 12th January 2024 at 3.30 pm

INTERVIEWS will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 16th January 2024



Part-Time Teaching Assistant Level 1

We currently have a fixed-term part-time vacancy for a Teaching Assistant (TA), available as soon as possible after interview/recruitment checks done.

This is a Level 1 post and would be suitable for those with a Level 1 TA qualification or above.

This role is currently paid at £23,114 pa pro rata or £11.98/hour.

The vacancy involves 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](#)

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS – Monday 15th January at 3.30 pm

INTERVIEWS will be held on Monday 22nd January 2024

Dates for your



Autumn Term 2023 Diary ([→ New Diary Item](#))

Friday 22nd December – Year 5 Christmas Movie afternoon

Friday 22nd December – School Closes for Christmas Holiday (3.20 pm)

Spring Term 2023 Diary ([→ New Diary Item](#))

Tuesday 9th January 2024 – School Re-opens After Christmas Holiday (8.45–8.50 am)

Monday 22nd January 2024 – Year 2 Scooter Awareness Training

→ Friday 9th February – School Closes for Half-Term (3.20 pm)

→ Monday 19th February – School Re-opens after Half-Term (8.45–8.50 am)

→ Monday 19th February–Friday 1st March – Year 5 Bikeability Training ([see separate letter](#))

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Stephenson

Head Teacher