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5th September 2024

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER



Dear Parent/Carer

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Wednesday 11th September – Year 2 Meet and Greet, 5.30 pm (Small Hall) [CLICK HERE](#)

I would like to welcome you all back to a new year at Swanland Primary School; I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer! It has been lovely to see all the children back in school looking smart and ready to learn. As I have walked around the school, I have been hearing about some of the fun events that have taken place over the holidays!

Below are a few reminders, such as information about the school day, school lunches, school uniform and attendance. Please do take a little time to read through the items in the letter. Thank you.



Absences

In order that the school may follow national guidelines, we offer you clear guidance on how you should proceed when your children are either absent or late.

- **ALL ABSENCES** from school require:

1. A telephone call to the school before 9.15 am on the morning of each day's absence. By calling every day, we can be sure of your child's whereabouts and that they are safe.
2. Upon your child's return, written and signed confirmation, explaining the absence, preferably using the school 'Absence Note'. This is available on the school website or from the School Office.

- If your child is going to be **LATE**, please call the School Office, if possible, to advise and to book a school lunch (if needed).

Further information can be found on the school website [by clicking here](#).

Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances

Please note, there is no longer a provision in law for Headteachers to authorise an absence for the purpose of a term time holiday. Absences can only be authorised for exceptional circumstances.



Please see the East Riding Website for more information regarding this ([click here](#)) and the new updated Absence Request form (sent separately).

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Timings for lunches

The school day begins at 8.45–8.50 am with a break for lunch (staggered):

11.45 am–1.00 pm	Reception
12.00–1.00 pm	Years 1 & 2
12.10–1.10 pm	Years 3, 4, 5, 6



School Meals

Please see new menu for: 4th September 2024 – 24th October 2024 [by clicking here](#)

The cost of school meals is:

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: school meals are free;
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: the cost of a school meal will be £2.90.

Information regarding school meals can be found [by clicking here](#) and they are payable in advance online via [ParentPay](#).



Reminder of Our School's Food Policy – No Nuts/Peanut Butter or Chocolate Products

In order to protect the growing number of children with allergies to nuts we have, for some years, had a whole school policy, which protects children from being exposed to “nutty” products in school.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PROVIDING YOUR CHILD WITH ANY NUTS/PEANUT BUTTER OR CHOCOLATE PRODUCTS (AS THEY MIGHT CONTAIN NUTS) IN THEIR PACKED LUNCHES. PLEASE READ ANY INGREDIENTS LABEL AND, IF NUTS ARE MENTIONED, PLEASE DO NOT SEND IT INTO SCHOOL. THANK YOU.

Just the very proximity of some children to nuts is sufficient to bring on anaphylactic shock. This is very serious.

It is important that nuts do not come into School at all, but it is very difficult for lunchtime staff to oversee the contents of children's packed lunches. Thank you for your continued support with this issue.

PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**



Playground Equipment

For safety reasons, may we politely remind parents/carers that children should not play on the school play equipment either before or after school. Thank you.



Long-Term Prescribed Medication Held in School

Could Parents/Carers with long-term prescribed medication held in school for their child(ren), please ensure a new form has been completed for the new school year and swap over any out-of-date medication. Please email adminsupport@swanlandschool.co.uk if you require a form. Thank you.



Music Lessons

For those pupils receiving music lessons through the East Riding Schools' Music Service, please note that lessons will commence again from Monday 9th September 2024.

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Swanland School Uniform

It is not necessary to have school branded uniform (including PE Kit), however, all uniform should adhere to the policy. Please [click here](#) to take you to the policy on the school website.

Please can you ensure your child's name is in all their uniform, especially jumpers (!) as lots of them get left out on the playground and we do not know who to return them to. Using a laundry marker pen on the label is enough for us to be able to get your child's uniform items back to them, but please check this regularly as it can fade. A replacement for traditional name tags is [Stamptastic](#) and any order placed with them will result in a percentage being paid back to the PTA funds. If you would like to place an order, please quote "HU14 3NE" in the "Gift card, PTA code, or discount code" box in the payment section when completing your order. Thank you.

The PTA has a Nearly New Uniform scheme, offering items of uniform in good condition at bargain prices. Sales normally take place at parents' evenings and at the new intake evening. If you require an item of uniform and cannot wait for one of the sales, please do email the PTA on nearlynewuniform@gmail.com



Lunchtime and Before/After School Clubs

Please [click this link](#) to see the Lunchtime and Before/After School Clubs for the Autumn Term. Please note all clubs (unless stated otherwise) will be running from w/c 9th September (some may have already started).

REMINDER: Meet and Greet Meetings for Parents

We do hope you will be able to join us, on the appropriate date below, to meet your child(ren)'s new teaching team for September 2024, learn a little about their new year group and what is planned for the forthcoming year.

Please note, the PTA will have the 'Nearly New Uniform' out on sale, so if you require any items, cash donations will be gratefully received on the night.

- Reception Monday 23rd September at 5.30 pm (Great Hall)
- Year 1 Wednesday 25th September at 5.00 pm (Small Hall)
- Year 2 Wednesday 11th September at 5.30 pm (Small Hall)
- Year 3 Wednesday 18th September at 6.00 pm (Small Hall)
- Year 4 Wednesday 18th September at 5.30 pm (Classroom)
- Year 5 Thursday 19th September at 5.00 pm (Classroom)
- Year 6 Wednesday 25th September at 6.00 pm (Small Hall)

Swanland Scarecrow Hunt – Sunday 29th September 2024

Please see the separate letter regarding the Swanland Scarecrow Hunt we are hosting to coincide with the Swanland Show. Entries are £10.00 per Scarecrow and monies/entry forms must be received at School **by 12.00 pm on Monday 23rd September**. Thank you.





REMINDER: Swanland Show – Sunday 29th September 2024

Please remember to visit the Swanland Show at the Village Hall on Sunday 29th September. Swanland Show is an annual event, which enables villagers and others to showcase their talents and skills and to compete for prizes, trophies and personal pride. There are classes for both adults and children, covering a wide range of categories designed to reflect local activities in horticulture and domestic hobbies.



'Favourite Building' Activity!

On 14th and 15th September, the Village Hall, Heritage Centre and Christ Church on the Pond will be open as part of the National Heritage Open Days, where you can visit and learn about the history of Swanland and look at a model of the village in the 1800s.

With this in mind, during an Assembly the children have been asked to think about their favourite building in Swanland and carry out an activity at home with the help of their Parents. The children have been asked:

- To think about what their favourite building in Swanland is
- Why is it their favourite
- How old do they think it is
- Was it always used for the same thing as it is used for today
- To perhaps draw a picture of their favourite building in Swanland and explain why they like it? Or maybe write a poem about it, or find out more about the history of it and make an information poster?



Mrs Martin would like to display the children's work in the Village Hall on the above dates; and the Heritage Centre have offered prizes for the best piece of work from each year group!



To be entered, children must hand their work to their teacher or to Mrs Martin by first thing on **Thursday 12th September 2024**. Thank you.



ASDA Rewards Scheme

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all – every time a customer chooses a primary school, Asda will donate £1 to the school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when the first customer shops. So, if you shop at Asda and have Asda Rewards it's really easy to select Swanland Primary School on the app and help support our local school. All information can be found by [clicking here](#). Thank you!



ParentPay – Current Online Payments

- (current Yr 3) Year 4 Residential Visit to Cranedale – due before Thurs 5th Sept 24
 - (current Yr 4) Year 5 Visit to Eden Camp – due before Tues 10th Sept 24
 - (current Yr 1) Year 2 'Great Fire of London' Workshop – due before Tues 17th Sept 24
- Please note, deadlines for events will no longer be extended. Thank you.*

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Flyers on the School Website

Community flyers added to the school website this week can be found by [clicking on this link](#) then looking under Autumn Term 2024-25, First Half Autumn Term Flyers.

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

Dates
for your



FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

Autumn Term 2024 Diary (→ [New Diary Item](#))

Monday 16th September – Year 5 Visit to Eden Camp [CLICK HERE](#)

Wednesday 18th September – Year 4 Meet and Greet, 5.30 pm (Classroom) [CLICK HERE](#)

Wednesday 18th September – Year 3 Meet and Greet, 6.00 pm (Small Hall) [CLICK HERE](#)

Thursday 19th September – Year 5 Meet and Greet, 5.00 pm (Classroom) [CLICK HERE](#)

Monday 23rd September – Children's Individual Photographs (all day)

Monday 23rd September – Family Photographs (5.00 pm) (*sign up to follow*)

Monday 23rd September – Reception Meet and Greet, 5.30 pm (Great Hall) [CLICK HERE](#)

Wednesday 25th September – Year 1 Meet and Greet, 5.00 pm (Small Hall) [CLICK HERE](#)

Wednesday 25th September – Year 6 Meet and Greet, 6.00 pm (Small Hall) [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 27th September – Year 2 'Great Fire of London' Half-Day Workshop [CLICK HERE](#)

Sunday 29th September – Swanland Scarecrow Hunt! [CLICK HERE](#)

Monday 7th October – Immunisation Nurse in school – Nasal Spray Flu Vaccinations (*letter to follow*)

→ Wednesday 9th October – Harvest Festival Service at the Church by the Pond (*information to follow*)

Tuesday 15th October – Year 4 Visit to Murton Park (*letter to follow*)

→ Tuesday 22nd October – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening (*letter to follow*)

Wednesday 23rd October – PTA Bag2School Collection (*letter to follow*)

→ Wednesday 23rd October – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening (*letter to follow*)

→ Thursday 24th October – Halloween Disco (*letter to follow*)

Thursday 24th October – School Closes for October Half-Term Holiday (3.20 pm)

Monday 4th November – School Re-opens After October Half-Term Holiday (8.45-8.50 am)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Stephenson
Head Teacher