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30<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

### **UPCOMING DIARY DATES**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Visit to Hull Street Life Museum [CLICK HERE](#)

➔ Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – PTA Meeting, 7.00 pm (*see below*)

➔ Friday 7<sup>th</sup>–Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 Practical Cycling Skills Training [CLICK HERE](#)

➔ Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Wear your SCARF Day (*see separate letter*)



### **IMPORTANT! REMINDER: Arbor Parent App**

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded and registered on the Arbor Parent App already.

**For those who have not yet registered, please do so using the link-up code previously sent.**

It is imperative that every child has a Parent sign up to the Arbor Parent App as not only does it allow access to your Child's details; but some School Communications are sent through it, Parent Teacher Consultations are booked through it and certain Clubs and Trips will show on it. If you have any queries, please email [office@swanlandschool.co.uk](mailto:office@swanlandschool.co.uk).



### **REMINDER: Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings**

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February (ALL classes except 3GW/CP)
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February (1RP & 3GW/CP only)
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February (ALL classes)

**If you have not done so already, please book your appointment via the Arbor Parent App.**

## **NSPCC**

### **How Safe is WhatsApp for Children – NSPCC**

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although rated at 16+, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on WhatsApp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app. If interested, [please click this link](#).



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### PTA Meeting – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.00 pm

All members of the Association, parents, carers and staff are invited to attend this forthcoming meeting. This is the time to discuss any past and future fundraisers. The meeting will be held at the school – please enter through the main entrance on Tranby Lane. We look forward to seeing you there!

### PTA – Volunteers Needed!

The PTA is a small group so anyone else who can help out with organising events, please do let us know as we have had to reduce the number of events owing to low committee member numbers. The kind of things you can help with are advertising, contacting companies for help, getting raffle prizes from companies, co-ordinating the Nearly New Uniform and thinking of new ideas to help us run the events. If this is something you are interested in, please send an email to [ptaswanlandschool@gmail.com](mailto:ptaswanlandschool@gmail.com) Thank you.

### School Trends Offer!

From the 27<sup>th</sup> January until the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025, School Trends are offering 15% off all school uniform orders when parents use the promotion code **Jan2025**. [Click here](#).

### ParentPay – Current Online Payments [CLICK HERE](#)

- Year 3 Winter Canvas Artwork Sale – **due before** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- Year 4 ‘The Lemonade Kid’ Tickets – **due before** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Year 5 Residential to Robinwood (balance) – **due before** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025
- Year 3 Sleepover – **due before** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

*Please note, deadlines for events will no longer be extended. Thank you.*

### PTA Events Website – Current Online Payments [CLICK HERE](#)

- PTA ‘Spring Disco’ – **due before** 11.00 am, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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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 Spring Term 2024–25, First Half Spring Term Flyers](#).

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

### CURRENT VACANCIES

If you, or anyone you know, is/are interested in the following vacancies, please see further details on the [Edukos Recruitment page](#) or on the [ERYC Recruitment Website](#)

#### **SENIOR CATERING ASSISTANT**

Deadline for receipt of Applications – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 12.00 pm





## FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

### Spring Term 2025 Diary (→ [New Diary Item](#))

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening – ALL classes except 3GW/CP

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening – 1RP & 3GW/CP only

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening – ALL classes

} [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – PTA 'Spring Disco' [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – School Closes for February Half Term (3.20 pm)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – School Re-opens after February Half Term (8.45–8.50 am)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 Dress Rehearsal of 'The Lemonade Kid' to the school

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 Performance of 'The Lemonade Kid' (2.00 pm & 6.30 pm) [CLICK HERE](#)

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February–Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Book Fair [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – KS1 Skipping Workshop

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Class Photographs (not Year 6)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Sleepover [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day (*letter to follow*)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Prehistory Day (*letter to follow*)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Visit to Jorvik Centre, York (*letter to follow*)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March–Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Residential Visit to Cranedale [CLICK HERE](#)

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Year 1 Dress Rehearsal of 'Rise & Shine' to the school

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Year 1 Performance of 'Rise & Shine' (10.00 am)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 1 Performance of 'Rise & Shine' (10.00 am)

} (*letter to follow*)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – School Closes for Easter Holidays (3.20 pm)

### Summer Term 2025 Diary (→ [New Diary Item](#))

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – School Re-opens after Easter Holidays (8.45–8.50 am)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Stephenson

Head Teacher