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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer



REMINDER: PTA Pumpkin Carving Contest – TOMORROW – Friday 22nd October 2021

The PTA are organising a Pumpkin Carving Contest on Friday 22nd October. If your child would like to take part, they should bring a carved or decorated pumpkin to school **between 8.15 and 8.40 am tomorrow – Friday 22nd October.** [Click here for more details and how to enter.](#) We look forward to seeing your creations!



Absence Line

When reporting a child's absence please call 01482 631300 then press 1. Please leave a full explanation, providing details of any symptoms and when they started. As a reminder, if your child is showing any COVID-19 symptoms, please arrange for a PCR test to be done and email the result to covidtest@swanlandschool.co.uk Thank you.



Parent Governor Vacancy

Unfortunately, we have not received any nominations for the Parent Governor vacancy, therefore, it will remain open. If you are interested, please [click here](#) for further information.



Salad Bar

The Salad Bar (including a wrap or bread) will be returning to the Lunch Menu from Tuesday 2nd November. This is an alternative to the hot meal and typically includes: ham, turkey, cheese, egg, tuna, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, sweetcorn, pineapple, pepper, cress, celery, apple, sultanas, beetroot. Fresh fruit salad or a yoghurt is also available as an alternative to the Dessert menu. Children are offered a drink of either fruit juice or milk with their meal. Please be aware that these dishes may contain traces of nut or nut derivatives.



Lost Property

Just a reminder that lost property is kept in the School Office. If children have lost items over the last half-term, please remind them to enquire at the Office to see if their lost property has been handed in. Any lost property not collected **by end of school on Friday 22nd October 2021** will be given to a local charity.



Lunchtime and Before/After School Clubs

Please [click this link](#) to see the Lunchtime and Before/After School Clubs for the second half of the Autumn Term. Please note the time changes to 3.20 pm from 3.30 pm on various clubs and there is a new Fit4Fun Gymnastics Club afterschool on a Monday. **PTO**



Guitar Lessons – Expression of Interest – Years 3–6

The East Riding Schools' Music Service currently provides instrument lessons within school and are looking to add Guitar lessons.

Lessons last for a minimum of 20 minutes and may be held either individually or as part of a small group, as timetabled by the music teacher. The termly cost may vary each term throughout the year, as it is dependent on the number of lessons available to your child and the number of children taking lessons that term, but is approximately £10.00 per lesson.

Please complete [this link](#) by **Monday 1st November 2021** to express an interest in your child taking up Guitar lessons. Once we have an idea of numbers, we can make arrangements with the East Riding Schools' Music Service.

Year 1

Year 1 Superhero Day – Tuesday 2nd November 2021

After half-term, Year 1's new topic is 'Superheroes'. To start the topic, we would like to invite all the Year 1 children to come to school on Tuesday 2nd November dressed as their favourite Superhero or wearing an item of superhero-themed clothing. Look at the Superhero outfits on the [PTA Costume Closet](#) – all outfits are for sale!



Year 6 – South Hunsley School Meeting – Thursday 4th November 2021 at 6.00 pm

All Year 6 Parent/Carers are invited into school on Thursday 4th November to meet with Richard Williman from South Hunsley School, who will be coming to Swanland Primary School at 6.00 pm to do a question-and-answer session.



Year 5 – Two-Week Intensive Course of Swimming Lessons w/c 22nd November

Children in Year 5 have been given the opportunity to have a two-week intensive course of swimming lessons during November and into December. The online permission form is still open, therefore, if you would like your child to participate in the lessons, please complete the online permission form by clicking here, by Friday 5th November 2021.



Flu Vaccinations – Consent Deadline for All Year Groups

The immunisation nurses will be in school on Friday 26th November 2021 to give the nasal spray flu vaccination to those children in all year groups that have parental consent.

This year consent forms are being processed electronically so, if you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school, please follow [this link](#) to complete an online consent form if you have not done so already. **THIS LINK WILL CLOSE ON 8TH NOVEMBER 2021.**

If your child has already had the nasal flu vaccine since September 2021, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link or this is not your preferred method and you would like to provide consent via the telephone, please contact the Immunisation Team on 0333 358 3397, Option 2, then Option 1.



Remembrance Day – Thursday 11th November 2021

During the first week of school after the half-term holiday, we will have several Poppy Appeal products on sale. There are a range of items such as poppies, pin badges, wristbands and stationery – the recommended donations for the products range from 50p to £2.00. These items will be on sale in the classroom for children to buy should they wish. Any children who are a member of the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts organisations may wear their uniform to school on **Thursday 11th November 2021.** PTO



Children in Need – Friday 19th November 2021

Children in Need Day this year will be a **NON-UNIFORM DAY/A DRESS UP DAY!** The children can choose to dress up in fancy dress or come in non-uniform. Please bring a small donation into school to support Children in Need.

If you are stuck for an outfit, why not take a look at the [PTA Costume Closet](#) – all outfits are for sale!



REMINDER: Morrisons Good to Grow – FREE Gardening Equipment for our School

Thank you to everyone collecting the tokens – we currently have 654 tokens! A water butt is on our wish list for 1205 tokens. **There are only a few days left** for people to collect the tokens so please remember for every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you will be given a Grow Token to help our School get everything it needs to get growing! Please download the MyMorrisons app today, to start collecting Grow Tokens, and choose Swanland Primary School as the school you wish to donate them to. We will be able to exchange these Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get the children growing. [Click here for more information.](#)



Dan Ward Tutoring

Dan would like to thank everyone who has booked tutoring for next half-term and can confirm that next half-term he will be tutoring at Swanland on:-

- Monday afternoon (2 places still available)
- Thursday morning (1 place available)
- Thursday afternoon (1 place available)
- Friday afternoon (0 places available)

If you would like to try tuition for your child(ren), please contact Dan at danwardtutoring@outlook.com or 07780 701 727.



PTA Bag2School – Thank you!

Thank you to all parents/carers who donated their unwanted clothing/household textiles for the PTA's Bag2School collection – you raised £75.60 for the school!



REMINDER: Change to the End of the School Day

From 2nd November 2021, the end of the school day will be at 3.20 pm rather than at 3.30 pm.

We have found that staggering lunch times and reducing the lunch break time from 1 hour 10 minutes to 1 hour, as we did whilst COVID-19 restrictions were in place, had a positive impact on the children. Reception children can be picked up a little earlier between 3.10 pm and 3.20 pm.



PTA 'Your School Lottery' – CALLING ALL WIZARDS!

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the School Lottery and congratulations to the weekly winners! One of our players could win a family theatre voucher for 'Harry Potter & The Cursed Child' AND a family ticket for the Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studio Tour so if you have not yet signed up, why not visit our lottery here! [Your School Lottery](#)

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Flyers on the School Website

Community flyers added to the school website this week are listed below (please click on the link to view).

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

- [Vacancy for New Parish Councillor](#)
- [Halloween Spooky Masks Workshops](#)
- [Kip McGrath Open Day](#)

CURRENT VACANCIES



Midday Supervisors – DEADLINE: MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2021 at 3.30 pm

We currently have a number of vacancies (both full-week and part-week) for a Midday Supervisor, starting as soon as possible (interviews afternoon of Thursday 18th November).

Most of these positions are working from 11.55 am to 1.15 pm, term-time only, although some may be start 15 minutes before or end 15 minutes after these times (1 hour 20 mins per day). 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 any of these vacancies, please see further details on our website at: <https://swanlandeducationtrust.co.uk/vacancies/swanland-primary-school>



Autumn Term 2021 Diary (→ [New Diary Item](#))

Friday 22nd October – PTA Pumpkin Carving Contest

Friday 22nd October – School Closes for October Half-Term Holiday (3.30 pm)

Tuesday 2nd November – School Re-opens After October Half-Term Holiday (8.45–8.55 am)

→ Tuesday 2nd November – Year 1 ‘Locomotion with Leighton’ Lunchtime Club starts (full)

→ Tuesday 2nd November – Year 1 Superhero Day!

→ Thursday 4th November – Year 6 South Hunsley School Meeting (6.00 pm)

Tuesday 9th & Thursday 11th November – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening

→ Thursday 11th November – Remembrance Day

→ Friday 19th November – Children in Need Non-Uniform Day

w/c Monday 22nd November – Year 5 Swimming Lessons – Week 1

Friday 26th November – Immunisation Nurse in School – Nasal Spray Flu Vaccinations

w/c Monday 29th November – Year 5 Swimming Lessons – Week 2

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Stephenson

Head Teacher