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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer



Use of the Drop-Off and Pick-Up Zone in the Morning and After School

We have been made aware of several issues with the misuse of the drop-off and pick-up zone, both in the morning and after school, by a small minority of people, so we felt it was timely to send a reminder of correct use for this area. Please pass on these messages to the person who drops off and picks up your child at school.

The drop-off and pick-up zone is recommended for children in Years 3-6 who are able to use the zone independently.

In The Morning:

Under no circumstances must cars park in this area. Please use this area to pull up and let your child out and then move away promptly and carefully.

After School:

Please arrive shortly after 3.30 pm to ensure your child has had time to get out of school and to the pick-up area. Please do not wait and do not leave your car unattended. This is where the majority of the problems occur, with cars queuing up around the corner onto Kemp Road and causing problems and potential accidents for other traffic. If your child is not there when you get to the front of the queue, please drive around the block and return to pick up your child.



Please Help Us to Help Our Neighbours

People parking inconsiderately on the streets near the school at the beginning and end of the school day has become a large problem for local residents. We have received complaints from residents on Waller Grove (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) and from residents on Mere Way.

People parking inconsiderately, at the beginning and end of the school day, on these roads has become a large problem for the residents. People are parking on the grass verges, causing damage, as well as blocking driveways, blocking the gates to **Stapleton Court** (on Waller Grove) 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 any inconsiderate parking.

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REMINDER: Change to School Dinner Menu – TOMORROW, Friday 8th October 2021

The dessert for Friday 8th October is now going to be Cheesecake instead of a Muffin, but everything else stays the same.



REMINDER: PTA Christmas Card Artwork Returned – TOMORROW, Friday 8 October 21

If you wish to place an order on the artwork sent home by your child's class, please read the instructions on the paper form, complete the online order/make payment and return the artwork and paper form to school by TOMORROW, Friday 8th October.

(NB You only need to send back the artwork if you wish to place an order).



REMINDER: Individual Photographs – Catch-up Session – Friday 15th October 2021

For those children who were absent on Tuesday 28th September, the photographer will be back in school next week during the afternoon of Friday 15th October to do a catch-up session on missed individual photographs.



REMINDER: Parent Governor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Rebecca Lewis, we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. The letter regarding the role of a Governor and a nomination form can be found on the school website under School Letters. The nomination form needs to be completed and returned **by Monday 18th October 2021** for those who wish to stand.



REMINDER: Change to the End of the School Day

Further to our letter of 15th July 2021, I can now confirm that, **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.



Reception Admissions for September 2022

Information Meeting for Prospective Parents on Monday 18th October 2021

If you have a child who will be joining us in September 2022 (or if you know someone who is considering applying for a Reception place for their child in September 2022) you/they may be interested in joining us for an Information Meeting for Prospective Parents on **Monday 18th October 2021 at 6.00 pm** in the Great Hall at Swanland Primary School— all are welcome! If you would prefer to join the meeting virtually, [please click this link.](#)



PTA Pumpkin Carving Contest – Friday 22nd October 2021 (see separate flyer)

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 on the day, Friday 22nd October. There will be an area set up outside the front of the school for the entries. Entries should be registered and paid for (only £1 to enter) on the [PTA Events Website](#), where you will also be able to pre-purchase Halloween Treat Bags for £3.00 (£3.50 on the day). Prizes will be awarded in assembly! Remember to mark the pumpkin with your child's name and class. We look forward to seeing your creations!



Doodle – Free Parent/Carer Webinars in October (for Years 1–5)

DoodleLearning are hosting free 20-minute parent webinars to help you make the most out of your child's Doodle subscription! These are being run on Tuesdays at 8.00pm on 12th and 19th October, and at 10.00 am on 26th October.

In the webinar, you will learn:

- how Doodle works;
- what the programmes look like from a child's perspective;
- how to use the Parent Dashboard and Parent Connect app to monitor and motivate your child(ren);
- how to get help with anything Doodle related.

To join the webinar, or to find out more, please [visit this page](#) 5 minutes before the webinar start time and click on the link to join.

New to Doodle? Please [visit this page](#), made just for parents/carers, that explains Doodle and suggests next steps!



Dyslexia Courses

Cottingham Adult Learning Centre are excited to share details of new courses below:

- [Understanding dyslexia](#)
Wednesday 20th October 2021 9.30 am–12.30 pm – Fee £12.75
- [Dyslexia Awareness – Level 1 Award](#)
Wednesday 3rd November 2021 for 3 weeks 9.30 am–12.30 pm – Fee £20.00

Full details can be found on their website or by clicking on the links above. They anticipate high demand for these courses and places are limited, so please do not delay in making contact if you are interested – fee waivers are available. You can book courses by visiting their [website](#) or by giving them a call on 01482 842329. Alternatively, if you would like to remain on their waiting list for a course or are interested in other subjects let them know. Please be aware that if you have completed the above courses previously you will be unable to enrol again.



Girl Guiding

There has been an active girl guiding presence in our two local villages, Swanland and North Ferriby, since 1975. Recently they have been lucky enough to reopen the 1st Ferriby Guides Unit for girls aged 10–14 years (Year 5/6) and they have places available. The unit meets on Tuesday evenings between 7.00–8.30 pm. Anyone interested can sign up for Guides here: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

More information regarding Girl Guiding can be found by [clicking this link](#).



PTA 'Your School Lottery'

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the School Lottery and congratulations to the weekly winners! If you have not yet signed up, why not visit our lottery here! [Your School Lottery](#)

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ParentPay Reminders

- Year 5 Residential to Robinwood Deposit – **OVERDUE**
- Year 4 Residential to Cranedale Deposit – **OVERDUE**
- Year 6 DVD of Year 5 Robinwood Trip – due 18th October 2021 (see separate letter)

CURRENT VACANCIES**Teaching Assistant (Level 1) – DEADLINE: MONDAY 11TH OCT 2021 at 3.30 pm**

We have a new vacancy for a Teaching Assistant (Level 1), working 31.25 hours per week, term-time only. This 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.

Lunchtime Activity Organiser – DEADLINE: MONDAY 11TH OCT 2021 at 3.30 pm

We also have a number of vacancies for a new role as a Lunchtime Activity Organiser. This role may suit a young person, who has free time during lunchtimes and would like to gain some essential work experience in a primary school. Hours of employment can be tailored to the applicant's availability within the 12.00–1.00 pm lunchtime window. The role will include:

- Supervising and organising activities for the children at lunchtimes on the playground.
- ensuring the children are playing safely;
- having a clear understanding of safeguarding responsibilities;
- maintaining good discipline alongside the Midday Supervisors;
- organising equipment necessary for activities undertaken.

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>

Dates for your

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

Friday 15th October – Individual photo catch-up session (PM)

→ Monday 18th October – Year 5 Evacuee Day (*see separate letter*)

→ Monday 18th October – Information Meeting for Prospective Parents, September 2022

Tuesday 19th October – PTA Bag2School collection

→ Friday 22nd October – PTA Pumpkin Carving Contest (*see separate flyer*)

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)

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