



The Bugle

October 2021

A message from Mrs Ramsell

Well what a half term we've had! It's been none stop action since the word go and it's been incredible! The children have done us proud and have leapt straight back in with both feet.

The relaxation of all the regulations has meant that 'bubbles' have become a thing of the past and watching the children have fun together has been wonderful. The whole feel of school has changed (for the better) and I know that the children are enjoying being together as one big school family.

We've also enjoyed many activities already this year; we've certainly made up for the last 18 months and not being able to get out and about. Amongst other things, Year 6 have enjoyed their residential to Whitby, Year 1 have been on a trip to Battram Woods, we've had sporting events at other schools, we've had visitors in school to talk to the children, Years 4 and 5 have visited the new Leisure Centre, the list goes on! School is school once again!

We've reached the end of a very successful half term and we're looking forward to enjoying more of the same next term. Have a lovely half term break and come back to us in a week's time raring to go again!

Settling In

Everyone, and we literally mean everyone, has settled back into school like old pros.

Our new intake in EYFS have joined us with a confidence and joy which has been lovely to watch and enjoy. The children of New Swannington Primary School really are the very best and we are so proud of each and every one of them. There's absolutely nothing better than sharing in and celebrating their achievements with them and we are lucky enough to be able to do that every day. Keep up the fantastic work everyone!





Our new Wraparound Care provision has had a fantastic start and is enjoyed by many of our children.

If you need child care support at the beginning or end of the day, please book in via Pay360 **BEFORE** 4pm on a Sunday.

- Breakfast Club will be available from 7.30am until 8.30am and will cost £3.00 per child.
- After School Club will be available from after school until 5.15pm and will cost £8.00 per child.

Uniform

Just a polite reminder that all children should now be wearing full school uniform. We respectfully ask that all children adhere to our uniform requirements (which can be found on our website - <https://www.newswanningtonprimary.org.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=51>)

On PE days, children should continue to wear their PE kit to school, however, this must be in line with our PE kit guidelines (again, please refer to the Family Handbook for full details). Football kits are no longer appropriate and we ask that they are not worn.

The last day of term is

**Friday,
17 December 2021**



School Dinners

We are now back in the dinner hall (as per the good old days) and the children are enjoying their 3 choice Menu and their packed lunch arrangements.

To clarify, Years EYFS, 1 and 2 are in receipt of Universal Free School Meals. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can have a school meal, however, this is at a cost of **£2.35 per day**, from the Autumn Term.

Can we please remind everyone to book their dinners via Pay360 by Saturday lunchtime – thank you.

Parking in the Lane

We all know how much of a premium parking is in the Lane and how contentious an issue it is for everyone. We are in conversation with the various local authorities about how we can move forward with this, however, it would help enormously if our families could also park more responsibly. This does not apply to everyone but **please do not park on the double yellows, the zig zags or turn/park on our neighbours' driveways.**

We appreciate that it may 'only be a quick manoeuvre' or 'a 5-minute park' but this really does not help our cause. If we are going to be able to resolve this situation amicably, we need to rely on our families to also be fair to the local residents. Blocking/parking on driveways is not acceptable and really does need to stop immediately.



Flu vaccinations will take place in school on 25 November 2021. Everyone has been sent a Flu letter on the Parent App.

It is important that you register your child whether you want them to have the Flu vaccine or not as the NHS will start to chase non responses. Please refer to your letter for full details.

Parents' Evening

We are sure you will agree that getting back to Face to Face Parents' Evenings was fabulous. Being able to sit down and have a proper chat was so much better than via Teams and we hope that you all felt that these meetings were a worthwhile opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

Our next Parents' Evenings will take place in March 2022. Further details will follow nearer the time.

School Photographs - 27 October 2021

Individual School Photos will take place after Half Term.

At this point in time, we are hopeful that we can revert to having family groups in school (prior to the start of school) so that younger family members/family shots can be taken.

We will also be able to arrange for brothers and sisters (in school) to have their photos taken together.

We will confirm that this is still the case when we are back on the 25th.



The weather is starting to turn now and school is becoming a lot chillier (particularly as we still have to be well ventilated throughout the day).

Please make sure that children have plenty of layers on whilst at school to keep them warm. There is nothing worse than being cold during the day as this does not help their learning.

Waterproof coats and shoes are also a must to ensure that they can make the most of play times.

Harvest

Thank you to everyone for your generosity! Just look at how much we've all collected for Harvest - it's incredible!

This collection is heading to a local Charity called Enrych who are based in Coalville and support adults with disabilities and help them to live a more independent life. Our school community is amazing and we are so grateful for your support.



Year 6 Sustainability Project

Thank you to everyone who supported Year 6's Sustainability Project. They received some great donations of clothing that they were able to recycle and rehome. We hope some of you were able to pick up some items.

Sporting Success

It's been such a great term for getting back to sporting activities and competitions with other local schools. This half term we've enjoyed so much success in Table Tennis and Football.

Very well done to our girls and boys who have participated in all of these events. We are really proud of them all and look forward to enjoying more of the same next half term.



PAY360 the new name for SIMs Pay

Just to confirm, PAY360 is the new name for SIMs Pay. This is the same system that we have always used, it has just been rebranded.

As you are aware, we are a cashless school and it is important that everything that requires payment is done so via this software. We are unable to accept cash in school as we no longer have cash collections.

School Disco

We're very excited to finally be able to have a good old-fashioned School Disco again.

This will take place on Thursday, 28 October 2021 as follows:

- EYFS & KS1 – 5.00pm to 6.00pm
- KS2 – 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Please book your child's ticket via Pay360. 'Tickets' will be confirmed when we return after Half Term.

Year 6 Residential to Whitby

Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous week away in North Yorkshire early on in this half term. The weather was incredible and we all had the most amazing time. It was lovely to finally get away and enjoy the residential that unfortunately we were unable to go on last year due to the pandemic.

It was a slightly different take on previous years where we have taken the children to an Activity Centre focused on more outward bound type activities. However, this year's selection of activities, including The Jorvik Centre in York, Sealife Centre, Whitby Abbey, North Yorks Moors Railway and an afternoon at the beach, was so enjoyable for everyone that we have decided to run a similar trip next September for our current Year 5s.

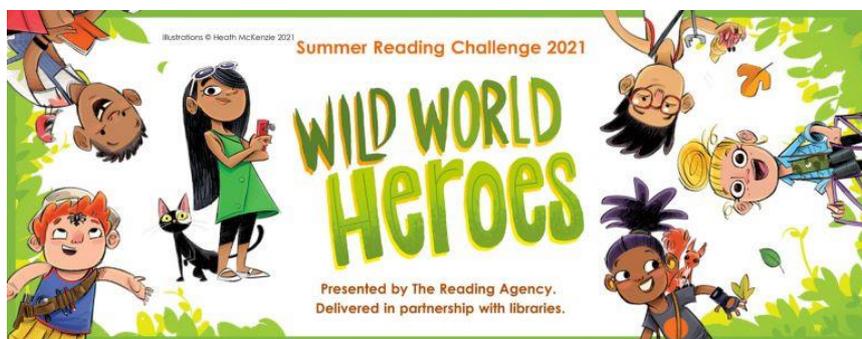


Day Trips Galore!



Summer Reading Challenge

You've done it again! We've just received the news that New Swannington has won the Leicestershire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge! This is fantastic news and we are so proud of our avid readers who have, once again, taken us to the top of the table. Very well done to everyone involved - definitely a case of superstar status achieved.



It's been a VERY busy half term and we've enjoyed every minute.

Have a great half term holiday everyone and come back to us happy, healthy and raring to go!