



# The Bugle

December 2022



## *A message from Mrs Ramsell ....*

*Can you believe it ... the end of another Term has arrived and Christmas is literally just around the corner? It's been a really lovely albeit incredibly busy term with lots going on for all our Year Groups. They've all done some wonderful learning and have really 'done you all proud'!*

*Our EYFS children have settled in so well and have enjoyed a very successful first term with us; we've loved getting to know them all especially as we've seen them all grow in confidence. Our Year 6 children continue to mature and are becoming wonderful young people who are proving to be fabulous role models for our younger children. I think we've always been very vocal about just how amazing we think all of our children are at New Swannington and this continues to be the case for our other Year Groups. Well done everyone!*

*All that remains is for me to wish you all a very safe, healthy and above all, happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again in January 2023.*



Attendance for this term is currently 96% which, bearing in mind all the horrible bugs that are about at the moment, is very good. Thank you to everyone for the concerted effort in getting your children into school. Their attendance is so important and will provide dividends in terms of their educational progress and achievements.

We are still receiving requests for holidays during term times which we discourage wholeheartedly. As previously advised, the DfE have announced their intention to fine parents who take their children out of school for family holidays during term time. We would like to reiterate that we do not have an influence over their decision making process and are required to follow the guidance they publish to us.



**STARTING SCHOOL**

If any of our current families have children starting school in Autumn 2023, you may be interested to know that we are holding a New Intake Evening on **Saturday, 7 January 2023 from 10am until 12pm.**

This is an opportunity to come into school, have a good look around and meet the team. There is no need to book.

For information, the cut off for applications is 15 January 2023.

The first day of term is

**Tuesday,  
3 January 2023**



## **SIMs App**

Please make sure that you keep your SIMs Parent App up to date through your App store to ensure that you continue to receive messages.

As you are aware, we are a paperless school and all messages are sent home via this technology.



Very well done to all our readers whose incredible efforts secured us the title again for this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

The Library Service were a little late in confirming the outcome of the competition unfortunately, however, the good news is that New Swannington are the winners yet again. We are currently awaiting information about any plans they have to come into school. Well done everyone!

## New Swannington Website



We recently launched our brand new website which is much more user friendly than our old website.

It's a great way to find out lots of information about what's going on at school especially through the 'Parents/Carers' tab.

Please take a minute to have a look around it.

<https://www.newswanningtonprimary.org.uk/>

## facebook

Our Facebook page has been much loved and served us all so well during the Pandemic by providing an opportunity for everyone to continue to be together during a difficult time. Due to its success, we continued to use it when we returned to school and have enjoyed having the opportunity to share the children's wonderful achievements with you all.

However, as previously mentioned we now have our new website and have decided to combine our communication to you all between both the website and Facebook. You will, therefore, notice that things will start to look a little different. We fully intend to continue to share as much as we can, however, it may be that some things will now be included on the website rather than Facebook, so please make a note to check in to our website on a more regular basis than you may have done previously. This will also be a more inclusive way to share news as not everyone has a Facebook login.

## Staff News

Welcome back to Mrs Matheson who has returned to us following her Maternity Leave.

Mrs Matheson will be working with our Year 4 children alongside Mrs Jaques.

Mrs Ferwerda will remain in Year 1 alongside Mrs Palumbo.



## Parent Governor Elections



Are you interested in making a contribution to the strategic direction of our school as we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor? Further details will be available in the New Year, however, if you have considered getting more involved with school life, please give it some more thought as we would very much welcome you on board.

## Sporting Success

It's been a very busy term especially for the sporting events we've participated in. The children have demonstrated incredible teamwork and we've been extremely proud to take them to all the events. They've flown the New Swannington flag with pride.



## Trips and Outings

We've also enjoyed some lovely trips and outings this term starting off with Year 6 going on their residential to Whitby back in September, followed up with Year 3 and their Bardon trip, Year 1 went to Statfold, Year 6 went to Warning Zone, the choir have been singing their hearts out, we've had two great Discos, Christmas dinners served by our lovely Kitchen team, visitors in school, Bikeability .... the list goes on!



## Our New Curriculum

Our New Swannington Curriculum is proving to be a great success! It has been fully implemented now and it is clear that all the children and staff are enjoying the teaching and learning that is happening all around school. Equality, inclusion and diversity are all firmly embedded within it in order to help prepare the children for life in the world in which they live.

We have clear, carefully sequenced progression across all the different areas of the curriculum, beginning in our EYFS. Each term is a chapter of knowledge and skills; the children build on their knowledge and make links allowing them to remember more and do more. Our intention is for all our children to have full book of learning by the time they leave us at Year 6 to take forward with them onto the next stage of their education.

Please follow the link below to find out more about our curriculum and discover what your child is learning about this half term.

Curriculum: <https://www.newswanningtonprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=45>

EYFS: <https://www.newswanningtonprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Welcome+to+EYFS&pid=50>

Year 1: <https://www.newswanningtonprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Welcome+to+Year+1&pid=56>

Year 2: <https://www.newswanningtonprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Welcome+to+Year+2&pid=51>

Year 3: <https://www.newswanningtonprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Welcome+to+Year+3&pid=52>

Year 4: <https://www.newswanningtonprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Welcome+to+Year+4&pid=53>

Year 5: <https://www.newswanningtonprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Welcome+to+Year+5&pid=54>

Year 6: <https://www.newswanningtonprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Welcome+to+Year+6&pid=55>



## Life Education Bus

The Coram Life Education & SCARF team will be visiting our school on 16 and 17 January 2023.

The fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health and they learn vital life-skills that are also known to help their overall achievement.

Further details will follow in the New Year.

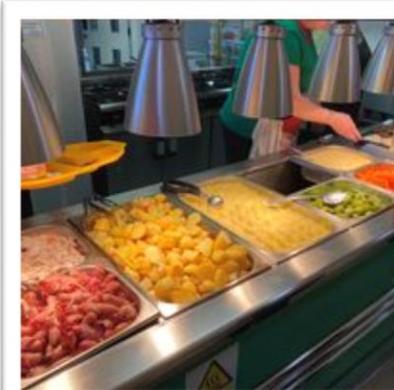


Please make sure that children have plenty of layers on during the cold weather. Although we no longer have to keep the windows open (as we did last year), it can still be cold. There is nothing worse than being cold during the day as this does not help their learning.

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



Thanks to our lovely Kitchen team, we all enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner last week. It is always a lovely opportunity for all the staff to get involved with this event and it's something we all enjoy very much; especially as we get to enjoy dinner too!



And finally ...

