



The Bugle

May 2023

A message from Mrs Ramsell

Summer has finally arrived and we are enjoying being outside in our lovely field; the children love nothing more. It's great to see them enjoying the lovely environment that we have created for them, especially our new Coronation Garden that offers such a lovely sensory experience for everyone. This is an area that children can go to enjoy some quiet time and with the sensory plants that have been planted together with the wildflower seeds that are being nurtured, it promises to be a lovely place to spend time.

As we come to the end of yet another half term (the summer holidays really are heading towards us at a rate of knots), we have reflected on all of the lovely things that we have enjoyed this term. So many trips, sporting events and fundraising activities have taken place; it's amazing that we have managed to fit it all in. There's still more to come though and we are very much looking forward to coming back in June to enjoy our final half term and all the exciting events that we have planned such as Sports Day and our Summer Fair.

Have a lovely half term everyone and we'll see you all again soon.

SIMs App

Please make sure that you keep your SIMs Parent App up to date 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.



Our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop is now open for business. Whilst the weather is being kind to us, we will bring it out as much as possible at pick up time.

Just to clarify, the Pre-Loved Shop is for everyone to use. The uniform has been donated to us by our families and is completely free of charge. Simply come and have a look through the rails and if there is anything you need, please take it away (but please leave the hangers so that we can restock).

If you have any uniform that children have grown out of and are happy to donate it to us, please pop it into the grey bin (beside the yellow Air Ambulance collection point) and we will be happy to add it to our rails.

Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum will be taking place on **Thursday, 8 June 2023**. If you have any points that you would like to raise, please ensure that are passed through to your Year Group representative ASAP.

Year 6 – Leavers' Assembly

It's almost time for us to be bidding a fond farewell to our Year 6 children as they look forward to their Secondary School transition. Just to confirm for our Year 6 parents, their Leavers' Assembly will take place on **Wednesday, 12 July 2023**. We normally start the Assembly at approximately 9.15am so please make sure you put this date in your diary – it's not to be missed!



We're looking forward to our Summer Fair that's taking place on **Saturday, 24 June 2023**.

There's lots planned and we hope that as many of you as possible are able to join us.

Our fundraising events are so important to us as it provides the opportunity to raise funds that can be redirected into school for the benefit of our children that our budget is unable to support.



We're now on Instagram as well as Facebook. Please follow us

@newswanningtonprimaryschool

The first day of term is

**Monday,
5 June 2023**



This year's Summer Reading Challenge is due to launch on 24 June 2023; as soon as we have more details we will let you know.

Our children have always done so well with this challenge during the Summer holidays and we are very keen for them to continue to demonstrate their love of reading.

Please encourage their reading throughout this time; practice really does make perfect and their progress in all things often reflects how much they read.

Shuffle Up Days

This year's Shuffle Up Days will take place (for the majority of children) on **Thursday, 6 and Friday, 7 July 2023**.

It is a lovely opportunity for all the children to 'shuffle up' to their new classes and get to enjoy a flavour of what they can expect to enjoy in their new Year Group from Autumn Term as well as get to know their new teachers a little better.

The last day of term is

**Wednesday,
12 July 2023**



School Reports

We are currently busy writing the children's Year End School Reports.

These will all be sent home in a PDF format before the end of term.

SATs – Years 6 and 2

Our Years 2 and 6 children took their SATs tests during this half term and they were all incredible. The maturity and resilience they demonstrated was fantastic and we are so proud of them all. We know how hard our children work throughout the year and this was clearly reflected in the quality of their work – well done everyone.

Year 6 SATs papers are sent to the DfE for marking and we are not expecting the results from these until 11 July 2023.



New Swannington Primary School
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starting school in
Autumn 2024?

Please join us on
Saturday, 17 June 2023
between 10am and 12pm

There will be an opportunity for you
and your child to ...

- view our school inc the field/playground
- meet the Team
- play in our EYFS classroom

Please contact the school office on
office@new-swann.leics.sch.uk or
01530 832656 for more details.

New Academic Year – Change to Start and Finish Times

With effect from the new Academic Year in August 2023, we will be changing the start and finish times for our children to bring us into line with Department of Education regulations. Our new times will be:

School start: **8.45am**
School finish: **3.15am**.

The difference will be a slightly earlier start in the morning and a slightly longer day for our EYFS and KS1 children.

Please be aware that if your child arrives after 8.45am in the morning, they will receive a late mark.

We will continue to open the gates from 8.30am to allow a slow start to school.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Tuesday, 4 July 2023.

- EYFS/KS1 will take place in the morning from approx 9.30am.
- KS2 will take place in the afternoon from approx.1.15pm.

We will confirm exact timings nearer the time. Everyone is welcome to come along and spectate and it is a lovely opportunity to see the children compete in a fun environment.

Please be aware that there will be very limited seating available.



KS2 Choir Concert /Year 3 'Vocalease'

The KS2 provided a fabulous evening's entertainment on Wednesday when we all enjoyed their wonderful repertoire of songs. It was a really feel good event and a joy to listen to.

At time of writing, Year 3 are just about to prepare for another entertainment event at their Vocalease concert at the Coalville Leisure Centre. It promises to be a lovely event.

Trips

The children have enjoyed a variety of trips out this half term from our very successful first visit to Eyam for the Year 4 Residential (we've already booked for next year!), to events involving our other collaborative schools, a Victorian Day for our Year 5 children and a visit to the Richard III Centre in Leicester for our Year 3 children. It's been a real cultural experience for many of our children and we hope that they have made some very happy memories from them.



Sporting Events

We've also had a lot of teams representing New Swannington in Tennis, Football, Tag Rugby and Netball to name but a few. The children are always a pleasure to take to these events and represent the school with such pride. Well done to them all!



Fundraising

Fundraising has also been a big 'thing' this half term. We enjoyed our Coronation Fundraising events which culminated in the opening of our Coronation Garden and a lovely party for the children.



Fundraising (cont) ...

This week we've also been excited to follow the progress of our Mighty Dads Challenge who undertook the 3 Peaks Challenge (trekking up Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in 24 hours).

Dale Mellin and Tom Irving (two of our Dads from EYFS) deserve a massive shout out! They (and the rest of the team) have both been absolute superstars and completed the challenge well within target of 21 hours. Just incredible!

We are so grateful to them all as their efforts have raised the monumental amount of £1200 (as at time of writing) for the school. Simply the best – thank you so very much! We can assure you that this money will be very well spent and with so many projects in the pipeline it is VERY much appreciated.



Thank you!

**Have a great Half Term everyone
– see you all again soon!**