



# The Bugle

July 2024

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

Here we are, at the end of another fantastic year at New Swannington. It's been a year filled with amazing memories, laughter, and shared experiences that we will cherish forever. As we look back, we remember the fun, the learning, and the friendships that have grown stronger. Each moment has contributed to the tapestry of our school community, making it richer and more vibrant.

To all of our students and staff, enjoy the summer break. Have fun, relax, and make the most of this time with family and friends. Rest up and recharge, because we have so much to look forward to in the coming year.

We can't wait to make more memories and share new experiences with all of you. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful journey.

The first day of term is

**Tuesday, 27  
August 2024**



## School Gateway

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



## FAREWELL

It's that time again to say goodbye to our Year 6 children. They've all enjoyed their transition days to their secondary schools and we know they are ready for the next big step in their journey. It's always hard to say goodbye, but it's also exciting to see them move onwards and upwards.

They have been an absolute joy to have in our school, and while we will miss them, we look forward to watching their future achievements with great interest. Remember, you are always welcome to come back and see us.

Wishing you all the best for the future!



If any of our current families have children starting school in Autumn 2024, you may be interested to know that we are holding our New Intake Morning on **Saturday, 23 September 2024** and **Saturday, 18 November 2024** between 10am and 12pm.

This is an opportunity to come into school, have a good look around and meet the team.

# Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences: What you need to know about the changes.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for unauthorised absences that occur after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

## 5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave.

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, and for fewer days where this has happened before.

## 10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-week period.

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period.

## Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave will result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

### Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

(No option to pay at £80 level)

### Third offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will proceed to the Magistrates' court.

Magistrate's fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.



Please consult your school's attendance policy and speak with your school if you are thinking of taking your child out of school during term-time. It is likely you will need to make a written request to take your child out of school and any leave of absence will need to be agreed by your Headteacher before it is taken.

## Uniform

Our uniform standards are important and we would like all of our children to strictly adhere to them from the new academic year. Our uniform guidelines can be found on our website by following this link:

<https://www.newswanningtonprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2479&type=pdf>

Our very successful Pre-Loved Uniform Shop is available to everyone and we encourage families to swap uniform when it has been outgrown.

As previously advised, PE kits should still be worn to school on the days that children have their PE lessons. This has worked very well, particularly as we find that less time is spent getting changed and more time enjoying PE lessons. However, the standard of PE clothes has noticeably slipped so can we please reiterate the following:

- PE kits should comprise of white t-shirts, black/navy shorts/joggers, NSPS hoody or black/navy hoody.
- Coloured t shirts, shorts, joggers, hoodies are NOT acceptable.
- Trainers should be dark. Coloured or sparkly trainers are NOT acceptable.
- Non-branded kit should also be worn.

**If children do arrive at school in PE kit that is not in line with our standards, they will be asked to change and we will find them something appropriate to wear.**

When the children have Forest School sessions, once again, they should wear their Forest School clothes to school. They will need:

- Old clothes
- Old boots/waterproof trainers
- Waterproof coat/waterproof outerwear

The key is to ensure that the clothes they wear are old and will not cause distress if they become damaged or dirty.

Please ensure every item of clothing brought into school is labelled! 200 cardigans/jumpers/hoodies all look the same and is virtually impossible to return if they do not have clear name tags. Please make sure you check name tags as they do fade with washing.



## New Academic Year

We don't want to wish the holidays away but we have lots of great plans for our new academic year. Just to clarify our classes for next year, our teaching and support staff will be as follows:

EYFS: Mrs Hall

Year 1: Mrs Palumbo/Mrs Mitchell

Year 2: Mrs Gower

Year 3: Miss Patel

Year 4: Mrs Harris

Year 5: Mrs Purdy

Year 6: Mr Skinner

The Hollow

PE lessons

Cover lessons/Teachers' PPA

- supported by Mrs Sparrow & Mrs Keenan

- supported by Miss Fessey

- supported by Mrs Walker & Mrs Wiles

- supported by Mrs Franklin

- supported by Miss Holt & Mrs Banda

- supported by Mr Will

- supported by Mrs Hutchinson

- supported by Mrs Tredwell & Mrs Orton

- supported Miss Fielding

- supported by Mrs Hitchcock



The *Summer Reading Challenge* is back once again and this year, the theme is 'Marvellous Makers'.

It's a great opportunity for the children to continue their reading practice during the summer months whilst also participating in a competition involving all the local schools.

If you haven't already done so, sign up at Coalville Library, choose some books, take a seat in The Chair and let us know how you're getting on.



The lunchtime menus for next term are already available to book on the School Gateway App. These options will be open all summer so please do book ready for the new school year.

Our lovely Cook, Mrs O'Gara, and Catering Assistant, Miss Gray, work hard to bring a balanced meal to the children everyday so, if your child doesn't have a school dinner, please do encourage them to try one of the school dinner options.

If you would prefer your child to bring a pack up from home, can we politely ask that the contents are healthy options ie.

- No chocolate bars.
- Healthy snacks at playtime.
- Water rather than juice (as not only is it healthier but juice is incredibly sticky when spilt).

May we also remind you that we are a **NUT FREE** school and it is essential that children do not bring snacks into school that contain nuts; please be particularly mindful of cereal bars and sandwich fillings as these often contain hidden nuts. We have children in school who suffer with nut allergies and it is imperative that we keep them safe whilst they are in our care.



Last week, as you are all aware, we had our Ofsted Inspection.

The Inspectors spent two days with us looking at all aspects of the school whilst also talking to the children and staff. Thank you to everyone who completed the feedback form that Ofsted invited you to complete. These are such valuable comments and helps to develop the overall picture.

Unfortunately, we will not receive the final result or the official Report until after the summer holidays, however, please be assured that as soon as we are in receipt, we will share it with our families without delay.

Finally, thank you to everyone for their messages of support and copious amounts of chocolate that was delivered; it helped enormously!

We are extremely proud of New Swannington Primary School and the work we do here, however, without our beautiful children and the consistent support of our families, we would not be the success that we are. Thank from us all.



# End of Term Farewell

## A Special Farewell to Mrs Jaques

After an incredible 25 years of dedicated service at New Swannington, Mrs. Jaques is moving on to new pastures. Her contributions to our school have been immense, and she has touched the lives of countless students and colleagues. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Jaques for her unwavering commitment, passion, and hard work. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

## Goodbye to Mr Brad

We also bid farewell to Mr. Brad, who is leaving us this year. Although he has only been with us for a short time, we are grateful for all he has done and wish him every success in his new journey.

To Mrs Jaques and Mr Brad, we extend our best wishes for the future. May your next chapters be filled with joy, success, and new adventures. Thank you for everything you have done for New Swannington. You will always be a part of our family.

## To Our Year 6 Children

As you move on to new schools and new challenges, remember that you are capable of achieving great things. Carry forward the lessons, friendships, and experiences from New Swannington, and know that we are proud of each and every one of you.



*Have a great summer!*  
*Stay safe, stay well, and make lots of happy memories.*  
*We can't wait to hear all about your adventures when we return.*  
*Enjoy every moment!*