



The Bugle

April 2022



A message from Mrs Ramsell

Wow! What a busy term we've had! We've been doing so much since we returned in January and life is feeling like it's slowly returning to normal, so much so that we have been able to enjoy some lovely trips and visits in school.

This term we've enjoyed, amongst other things, trips to Sealife in Birmingham, Beaumanor Hall, visits to the local Church and Chapel, copious sporting events (where our children performed extremely well), a school Disco, a visit by the grandson of the Suffragette, Alice Parker and the term was brought to a wonderful conclusion by our fantastic KS2 Spring Soiree. I think we can safely say that we have made the most of every moment during our Spring Term and we very much look forward to enjoying an exciting Summer term.

I would finally like to add that we have, unfortunately, experienced a spike of Covid in school that has impacted our teaching staff significantly and has consequently presented us with some challenges. The children have been incredible and have managed the sudden changes with enthusiasm and maturity. Thank you to them all.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a lovely break. Let's hope for some sunshine but if we're not that lucky, please enjoy a safe and happy holiday.



One of these days we won't even have to mention Covid-19 but until we do, just to clarify the current guidance, please note the following

- Adults with a **positive COVID-19** test result **should try to** stay at home and avoid contact with other people **for 5 days**, which is when they are most infectious. **For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.**
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Children should not attend school if a temperature is being controlled by Calpol etc.

The first day of term is

**Monday,
25 April 2022**



Governing Board

We are pleased to confirm that our new Chair of Governors is Ms Fiona Curtis, assisted in the role of Vice Chair by Mrs Sally Williams. This follows the decision by Mr Nick Fordyce, our previous Chair, to stand down from this role

We would like to thank Fiona, Sally and our full Governing Board for the support and contribution they provide to us all and we look forward to working together moving forward.



We won't get too excited, based on this week's weather(!), however, summer is just around the corner so please ensure that your child comes to school with their sun cream already applied (as we are unable to do it for them) and with a clearly marked bottle of sun cream in their ruck sack (to reapply later).

Hats and drinks are also a must.

We recently applied to NWLDC for a grant from their Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 Celebration Fund and we were lucky enough to be awarded £250!! This is a wonderful contribution that will go towards the festivities we are planning for the children later on this term. At this point, plans are still afoot but we will update you as soon as we have firm details.



You may have recently seen on our Facebook page that we have strengthened our links with our nearest neighbours, Meadow Barn View.

Meadow Barn is a Skills Centre that work very closely with adults who have additional needs and support them in their journey to living more independent lives.



We recently met with their lovely and very committed team to discuss ways that we can work collaboratively and have come away with many exciting plans. We can't wait to welcome their workmates to New Swannington Primary School and we will be bringing you news of the ways in which our joint commitment will bring positive experiences and outcomes to both our lovely communities.

We are sure you will join us in extending our hands of friendship and welcome Meadow Barn to our incredible School Family <https://meadowbarnview.co.uk/>

School Council – Cake Sale

What an incredible job our School Council made with the Cake Sale they arranged for 7 April 2022. We were all spoilt rotten with the wonderful donations of cakes and bakes that you sent into school – thank you so much. The children had a lovely time selling (and buying!) and they raised an incredible £280. This fantastic amount will go towards new playground equipment. Thank you to everyone who contributed (whether by making or buying), we really do appreciate your support.



Sporting Success

Our sporting success has continued this term with many of our children participating in events including Orienteering, Football, Gymnastics and Hockey. They all did incredibly well and represented the school beautifully. Well done to them all, we are always very proud of their achievements on behalf of New Swannington.



Trips/Visits/Events

We enjoyed so many trips, visits and events this term, it's been wonderful to get back out there and feel like things are getting more 'normal' again. Here's a selection of where we've been, what we've seen and who we've met!



Spring Soiree

The term ended with a wonderful evening of musical performances by some of our KS2 children. The whole school enjoyed their dress rehearsal during the afternoon of the 7th and parents were invited to join us during the evening. Not only was it wonderful to have everyone in school but the children's enthusiasm and talents rounded off the term fabulously and was very much enjoyed by everyone. Very well done to all of our children who shared their talents; it's no mean feat to stand up and perform and it is definitely worth applauding when you are only 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 years old. Congratulations to them all!



Staff News



We are delighted to announce that our lovely Mrs Matheson safely delivered a baby boy, Ewan, in January. We are sure you will join us in sending our huge congratulations to this new little family.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday. Have a wonderful break, share some precious family time and we look forward to seeing you all on 25 April 2022 for an exciting Summer term.

