



# MARY SWANWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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'Learning together; helping one another to achieve our best'

**Week  
Commencing  
16<sup>th</sup> October**

MON

TUES  
Flu immunisation  
Last day for  
photograph orders

WEDS  
Y5 British Values Day at  
Whittington Green School

THURS  
Y5 – Proact Stadium  
Inspirational Day

FRI

## News

### Year 4 to Brimington IT Suite

As part of their 'Blogs, Vlogs and Autobiogs' theme, our Year 4 pupils went over to Brimington Juniors this week to use their IT suite where they wrote their first blog. Ms Littlechilds is very impressed by the way their writing has improved over the course of the topic, through their blog writing and autobiographies which have proved both entertaining and moving.

### Year 3/ 4 football tournament

We are delighted to announce that the team was victorious in a football tournament at Springwell College on Tuesday this week. They won all 4 games that they played, whilst maintaining supreme sportsmanship, resulting in one of the boys winning the 'Spirit of the Games' award too!

### Girls' Football Tournament

This week our girls' football team took part in their first tournament at Shirebrook Academy, coming 4<sup>th</sup> overall. The team demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and scored their first goals!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents that supported the team at such short notice.

### Parent evenings

We were delighted to have some invaluable discussions as part of our parents' evenings. The link between home and school is vital to ensure that every child achieves their highest potential. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we operate an open door policy. If you have a problem, please come and see us. Please remember to complete the parent questionnaires – ask for a raffle ticket when you post yours to be entered into the prize draw.

## Learner's Trust

The Learner's Trust is continuing to grow and develop as more schools make the decision to join. In recent months Eckington Junior, New Whittington Primary, Somerlea Park Junior and Somercotes Infants have all joined the Trust taking the total to 10 schools at present. The Trust staff team is expanding as well to meet the demand and we were delighted to welcome Mr Brookes to the team as a Trust Partner. Mr Hickey is now working across 4 schools for the Trust. To stay informed about the work of the Trust please visit [www.learnerstrust.org](http://www.learnerstrust.org) or follow us on twitter @Learners Trust.

## London Visit 2018

Next year our year 5 children will be going on an exciting residential visit to London. All deposits are paid and we now ask for a further instalment of £50 per child.

We are starting to book various exciting activities for your child to enjoy eg. a West End musical show, trip on the London Eye, visit various science and history museums, visit the Houses of Parliament to name just a few.

Please ensure your next instalment of £50 is received by Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Half Term Holiday

School closes Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3:10pm  
School re-opens Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Inset day reminder – school closed Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## Year 5 British Values Day

Children in Y5 will be taking part in a British Values event at Whittington Green School on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. They will be joining Y5 children from other local primary schools.

### Your child will need:

- **To be in school uniform**
- **Packed Lunch**
- **Healthy Snack for morning break**
- **Warm coat/jacket**

Children will walk to and from Whittington Green accompanied by staff.

Children eligible for free school meals will have a packed lunch provided – please let Mrs Wright know if you prefer to provide your own.

## Halloween Disco

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 5pm – 6.30pm, all children invited from Reception – Year 6. Tickets £1, on sale mornings from next week.

Wear your Halloween outfits and come along for a 'spooktacular' time!

All children must be collected afterwards by an adult, thank you.

## Year 5 Inspiration Day Proact Stadium Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Year 5 are invited to an Inspirational Day at Chesterfield Proact Stadium as a culmination of their current theme 'Inspire Me'. The aim of the day is to hear real life stories about a range of roles within the club – not just the playing side. A letter accompanying this newsletter details the day and seeks permission.

Please could we have all reply slips in on Monday thank you.

## Year 3 – 'A Whole New World' Showcase

Year 3 have been working very hard this term on their theme – 'A Whole New World'. As an ending to this theme Year 3 invites their parents and carers to come to a showcase of their work. The children will be especially excited to show off their 'World in a Box' models that are currently in the planning stage. Please come along on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2:45pm.

## School Photographs

We are aware that some of the portrait and family group photographs were not of our usual high standard we would expect. The photography company, Layfayette, have offered to come in to do another photo shoot if there is a demand. Please fill out and return the slip below if you would like your child's or your family group photograph re-taken. Also if you have placed your order and would like to retrieve it – please see Mrs Wright by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

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Photograph reply slip – please hand to the office.

I would like my child(ren) name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

to be photographed individually and/or together.

Signed parent/carer \_\_\_\_\_