



MARY SWANWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Week
Commencing
8th January**

MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRIDAY
Years 1 and 2 visit Yorkshire Museum Year 4 visit JORVIK		Year 6 visit Holocaust Centre		

Welcome Back!!

The team at Mary Swanwick would like to extend a Happy New Year and Welcome Back to all of our children, parents and friends. We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break. It was fantastic to see our children (& the team) return to school this Wednesday buzzing with excitement and ready to learn. A little staffing news sees Miss Johnston returning to school this year as Mrs Allen.

New Starters

This week we were delighted to launch our full-time nursery. We have been lucky enough to welcome some brand-new starters and now have some of our pupils attending school full time! Mrs Barratt, Mrs Bolton & Mrs Grainger have been absolutely blown away by how welcoming, grown-up, sensible and hard-working the children have been and how well our newest starters have settled.

Year 5 visit – Victorian Classroom

This week, year 5 stepped back in time to 1883 to learn all about what life was like for Victorian children. They visited the Victorian classroom in Barnsley where they spent the day as a Victorian child with Miss Sharp, the Victorian schoolteacher. The children were each given a character and had certain roles to play throughout the day. Their behaviour was generally brilliant, although unfortunately, one of the children did have to be caned!
Photographs will follow once we have edited them to make them more Victorian!

Homework and Reading Expectations

As part of their homework, children are expected to read at least four times a week. To encourage this, in both KS1 and KS2, we have developed systems that reward regular reading at home. We are thrilled to see so many children rising to the challenge and we are always happy to award the books that the children are eager to choose from; children are clearly going over and above the expectation.

If your child is not reading at home regularly, he/she will receive warnings and possible band loss as this is against the Learner's Code. Playtimes will be used to 'pay back' lost reading time.

Year 4 – Drumming Performance

Year 4 will be showing their drumming skills in a special showcase assembly on Thursday 25th January.

Parents and carers are invited.

Sports Hall at 2:30pm until home time.

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is taken home at the end of term. Have a check through and replace outgrown plimsolls etc. over the holiday. Full PE kits for all children need to be in school on the first day back, 3rd January. Please be reminded that this is part uniform and children receive a warning if they are without kit in school thank you.

Key Dates 2018

3 rd January	Return to school
4 th January	Y5 visit – Victorian Classroom
8 th January	Y4 visit - Jorvik
8 th January	Y1 and Y2 visit - Yorkshire Museum
10 th January	Y6 visit – National Holocaust Centre
16 th January	Young Voices Concert – Sheffield Arena
14 th February	Valentine Disco