

# NEWS LETTER



Swansfield Park Primary School, The Avenue, Alnwick,  
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**JUNE 2018**

**It's a frightening thought that we only have 7 weeks left of this school year and yet so much work left to do.**

**For teaching staff this is a particularly busy time of year with assessments to finalise and reports to write.**

**Then we have all the preparations for next year...**



**On summer afternoons it is wonderful to watch the families gather at the park for a play on the way home.**

We are so fortunate to have this amazing child friendly space on our doorstep.

Recently though both parent governors and members of the Town Council have raised concerns about the behaviour of older children and this is also impacting on behaviour seen in school.

Children walking to and from school independently have been given the responsibility to behave in a caring and respectful way to others and, pleasingly, most do.

However, a few children are being less than considerate to each other or the younger children when playing in the park.

We will be talking though these issues both in class and in assemblies and we hope that you will reinforce this message at home.

Further incidents will be drawn to the attention of parents and a withdrawal of disclaimers considered.

**Our year 6 children are looking forward to their leaving celebrations.**

Some will be feeling a bit anxious and we are supporting them through our transition programmes and liaison with the High School.

**SATs are over and done with.**

It has been pleasing to hear from parents that children have taken these in their stride. Outcomes for both Year 2 and Year 6, along with the Year 1 Phonics Check will be sent home with the reports.

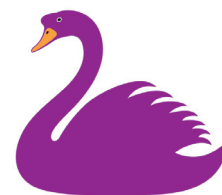
**We are in the process of considering the class organisation for next year.**

We will be sending information home before roll up day on

**Thursday 5th July.**

*Best wishes*

**Jenny Smith**



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**Daisy Lucas recalls the school choir's involvement in the fabulous Alnwick Sings event.**

On May 20th the school choir had the opportunity to go and sing at the famous Sage in Gateshead.

Swansfield Park was not the only choir to sing in "Ahoy" about the Mary Rose. We were joined by children from Seahouses, Hipsburn and a huge adult choir.

This was an amazing, once in a life time opportunity and we were all so excited to perform. **Caroline Fentiman**, the musical director, helped us through the performance.

A soloist called **Hanna- Liisa** also performed, she was breathtaking to listen to.

## Governors

It is now four years since newly named **Swansfield Park First School** left the Aln Community Schools Federation and we formed a new governing body.

Several governors are stepping down at the end of their term of office.

The school extends thanks to **Katherine Williams**, **Victoria Young** and **Liz Somerville** for all their hard work and support.

**Four new governors** have been appointed and we are looking forward to working with them. **Lauren Chapman** is the new parent governor and **Rory McKnight**, **James Willoughby** and **Julie Henderson** have been co-opted for the experience and skills that they will bring to support school leadership.



## Mosaics

The year 5 and 6 children have worked really hard and shown a great deal of patience to produce three fantastic mosaics which will be installed in the school grounds soon.

A big thank you to **Sue Patience** from **Gallery Youth** for organising and funding this project, **John Craggs** for his amazing artistic talents which he shared with the children, and also to **Claire Mead** for helping out.



We have been enthusiastically planting everywhere around school in preparation for the Northumberland in Bloom judging and we are looking forward to seeing all of your wonderful containers.

Remember the family learning task is to find a container which reflects you (I chose the bright yellow RNLI wellies at the front door - one for each of my boys who are both members of the Craster Lifeboat crew).

The next step is to plant up and include at least one edible plant.

The judging coincides with the **Swansfield Summer Showcase** on **11th, 12th and 13th July** - further details will be sent home soon.



## Summer Fair

The Friends are planning a **Summer Fair** on **Saturday 7th July at school 1-4pm**

We will be looking for contributions for cake stall, second hand uniform stall, book stall and the tombola.

We will also be looking for helpers on stalls, games and refreshments. ***Please come along to the next Friends meeting on Wednesday 20th June - further details will be circulated on Facebook.***





SUMMER TERM 2018

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# DIARY DATES

## Communications

We use many different ways to communicate with parents.



Keep up to date through the school website at:

**[www.swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk)**



Email the office at:

**[admin@swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk)**



Check the text messages received from

**Teachers2Parents**

- please ensure that the office have an up to date mobile number for you.



Read the

**Head Teacher's weekly blog**

posted on the website and on Facebook every Monday for the very latest news.

Monday 4th June to Friday 8th June	Year 6 Residential
Monday 4th June	Eden Camp - Year 5
Wednesday 6th June	<b>Maple</b> Friends and Family Lunch
Thursday 7th June	Countryside Day – Year 3
Thursday 14th June	<b>Pear Class</b> Assembly
Wednesday 20th June to Friday 22nd June	Ford Castle - Year 4
Wednesday 20th June	<b>Ash</b> Friends and Family Lunch
Thursday 21st June	<b>Beech Class</b> Assembly
Wednesday 27th June	Infant Sports Day
Friday 29th June	Junior Sports Day
Wednesday 4th July	<b>Beech</b> Friends and Family Lunch
Thursday 5th July	<b>Roll Up Day</b>
Saturday 7th July	<b>Summer Fair</b> 1 - 4pm
Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th July	<b>Swansfield Summer Showcase</b>
Wednesday 18th July	<b>School Daze</b> Year 6 Leavers' Performance
Friday 20th July	Leavers' Lunch - 11.45am Leavers' Assembly - 2pm
Friday 20th July	School Closes <b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 5th September	School <b>reopens</b> for the AUTUMN term



## Stars of the Week

Well done to our stars of the week for last half term.

These children were chosen for working towards the 5 R's – being responsible, reflective, ready, resourceful and resilient.

They were: **Joe Frater, Jacob Jamieson, Fred Murray John and Ollie Forster**