



SEPTEMBER 2017

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year and the beginning of a new era as Swansfield Park Primary School. It is lovely to see so many new children and wonderful to hear everyone's summer news. The children have settled beautifully into their new classes and are enthusiastic and ready to learn.

Finally, after two years of consultation, planning and building, we are a fully established primary school. Welcome to our new teaching staff: Miss Katie Moffet and Mr Keith Shotton will be teaching Larch and Rowan Classes respectively while Miss Emma Sage will be working in Chestnut Class on Fridays.

We hope you were amazed to see our newly redecorated and refurbished classrooms. **Apple, Pear, Plum** and **Beech** classrooms have new LED lighting, furniture and flooring. Further work is scheduled for later in the term to revamp the Tic Toc building. The learning environment is very important but it is the quality teaching and learning experiences that ensure our children achieve the highest standards.

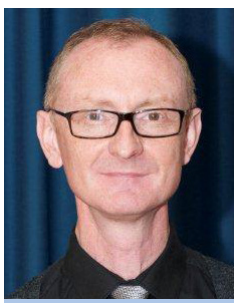
On **Wednesday 4th October** we would like to invite you and the wider community to come and

see what a wonderful time we have here at school.

This September sees the introduction of the **30 hours free flexible childcare offer for nursery children** if parents are working 16 hours or more each week. By using school nursery and TicToc we can provide childcare throughout the year. Please contact the school office for further information.

Our school continues to be an exciting environment which enthuses the children to learn. By working together we can help our children to achieve

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Mr Keith Shotton



Miss Katie Moffet



# Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on **Wednesday 11th October.**

We will distribute your gifts to the elderly in Alnwick and share a harvest lunch with them.

If you have an elderly relative or neighbour living in Alnwick who would appreciate a harvest parcel or an invitation to lunch please let the school office know by October 2nd.



The growth of the school has meant that not only the staff have new responsibilities but some of our Year 6 children will be taking on important roles within our school.

Congratulations to **Harris Hall** and **Ellie Jones** who are our new **Head Boy** and **Head Girl**. Each Castle has a male and female **Castle Captain**, these are:

**Alnwick – Ben Thompson** and **Jessica Carter**,

**Warkworth – Jack Wilson** and **Lilia Riddell**

**Bamburgh – Joshua Harker** and **Leah Scott**

**Dunstanburgh – Corey Angus** and **Megan Eaton**.

We are sure that these young people will be superb ambassadors for our school and act as excellent role models for others to aspire to.

outstanding results. All parents can listen to their child read, help them to learn their spelling or times tables, support them with their homework or family learning task. We will be liaising with all families as we revise our home school agreement.

If you have a bit more time you can volunteer as a friend or a classroom helper - read on for further information.

***We look forward to seeing you at our events this term.***

Best Wishes

**Jenny Smith**





Over the years the Friends have provided invaluable support through their fund raising and helping at many school functions.

The **Friends of Swansfield Park** worked extremely hard last year and achieved great things – please consider joining us as *many hands really do make light work.*

You will be made very welcome to the

**AGM**

on

**Wednesday  
20th September.**

Just imagine what school would be like without their contribution – recently they have **funded buses for all school trips** and much more besides...

# 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: Matthew Castle, Jessica Ayling, Louise Syers, Kye Mattison, Bethany Lamont, Joe Bottomer and Evie Cross.*

## Gold Certificates

**Daisy McArdle, Reuben Herbst, Isabel Foggon, Holly Ellis, Maisey Ostle, Jayden Grieve, Lily Hamilton, Lucia Alexander, Liam Wass, Eddie Aynsley and Harris Hall**



## Progress Cup

**Faith Brown**

**At Swansfield, we are proud to be a community school.**

We encourage our children to be welcoming and accepting of difference and diversity and also, to recognise that there is always common ground that can be found with a fellow human being! Although our community is relatively small, we want to ensure that our children are ready and prepared to be tolerant global citizens.

# Autumn Term Family Learning

The sad news from Barcelona this summer yet again highlights to us the need for respect, tolerance and understanding.

With this in mind, we shall be sharing some age appropriate picture books in our classes around the theme of tolerance, equality and respect during this half term. We hope that these books will then provide the starting point for some valuable discussion work.



Following on from this, we'd really appreciate it if you could talk as a family about some of these very important and current issues. We'd love to make a display of any art work, reports, stories, poems, posters or models that you make around the theme of 'We are One'.

**Please have your contributions into school by Thursday 19th October.**



This year is the 100th  
anniversary of the  
Alnwick Lions.

# Alnwick Lions Centennial Project

As part of the centenary celebrations the Lions wanted to find a project that follows their ethos, which is to “improve our community” and to leave a mark for the next 100 years. To that end **Alnwick Lions Club** would like to work with the children, parents and staff of **Swansfield Park Primary School** to adopt a public walkway that runs from the entrance on the Avenue to the railings on Swansfield Park Road.

This project aims to tidy the area up by making good the walk way outside Swansfield Park Primary School, keeping it clear of leaves and mud that runs on to the path and makes the area rather dangerous in the autumn and winter months for the young children and their parents to walk on.

**Alnwick Lions Club** wants to work with the pupils, parents, staff and other local organisations to raise funds to improve the retaining wall and plant some new flowers and bushes.



Lions are ordinary people who do extraordinary things to help others and support good causes throughout the British Isles. Globally we have more volunteers in more places than any other service club organisation, and love to help others and make things happen. Every Lions Clubs supports a range of good causes and projects in its area where you can get involved. Every day Lions are having fun by organising remarkable and memorable fundraising activities. Every year in Europe alone, Lions Clubs' members volunteer around 6 million hours of service and raise £88 million to support the needs of local communities.

In recognition of this work and to commemorate the Lions Centenary it is proposed to rename “*The Cut*”. The children will be asked to decide which name they like best: **Lions Way, Lions Walk, Lions “Cut”** or perhaps another suggestion.



# POLE POSITION 2017



**Pole Position, a summer holiday club with a racing theme, was organised and led by Miss Back, Mr Warburton and Mrs Pickard.**

During the second and third weeks of the holidays, 16 year 5 children read, wrote and breathed Formula 1, Motocross and Go Karting.

All of the children had a great time as members of the Pole Position crew.

Jack:

***"I loved what I did during these two weeks"***

Zé:

***"I really enjoyed Pole Position"***

Joe:

***"I really liked it because I got to learn new things, build a go kart and then race one."***

Everyone worked hard every day practising their English reading and writing, as well as some key Maths skills.

To round the experience off, the children went go karting on the last day to see who really was in pole position for the next school year.





# Healthy School

**As we work to maintain our Healthy School status please help us to keep our children healthy and safe by...**

- Encouraging children to drink water, please do not put juice or flavoured water into water bottles.
- Remembering to keep your child at home for 48 hours following sickness.
- Removing jewellery (except watches) in school. Children will be asked to remove earrings and nail varnish for health and safety reasons.
- Keeping dogs off the school site, many children are frightened and dog fouling is a health risk.
- Walking to school or parking responsibly in the playground car park or on Prudhoe Street. Please remember that the staff car park is strictly out of bounds at all times.
- Respecting our neighbours, please don't access the school site via the Police Station Houses.
- Keeping the gates closed to ensure that the site is safe at all times.
- Remembering that children will be learning in the outdoor environment so please ensure that they have warm and waterproof clothing.
- Supervising your children in the yard before school and remember that football is not allowed at this time of day.
- Encouraging your child to eat school dinners or providing a healthy packed lunch in line with current nutritional guidelines.

**All adults who walk unaccompanied through the school building must have a DBS clearance and have signed in at the office.**

**Please do not wander through the school building in the mornings. If you need help, go to the school office through the main entrance.**



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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**



Email the office at:

**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.

Wednesday 13th September	Rowan Class Family Lunch 11.45am
Wednesday 20th September	Larch Class Family Lunch 11.45am Friends AGM 7pm
Thursday 21st September	Year 4 Residential Meeting 3.15pm
Wednesday 27th September	Sycamore Class Family Lunch 11.45am Individual Photographs
Thursday 28th September	Individual Photographs Pearl of Africa Choir
Wednesday 4th October	Open Day Maple Class Family Lunch 11.45am
Wednesday 11th October	Harvest Festival - Infants at 10 am / Juniors at 2pm
Wednesday 18th October	Chestnut Class Family Lunch 11.45am
Friday 20th October	School closes HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 30th October	School reopens
Wednesday 1st November	Willow Class Family Lunch 11.45am
Tuesday 7th November	Junior Mentoring Meetings 8.30 - 12.noon
Wednesday 8th November	Infant and Junior Mentoring Meetings 1.00 - 6.30pm
Wednesday 8th November	Beech Class Family Lunch 11.45am
Thursday 9th November	Infant Mentoring Meetings 8.30 - 12.noon
Wednesday 15th November	Oak Class Family Lunch 11.45am
Wednesday 22nd November	Ash Class Family Lunch 11.45am
Wednesday 29th November	Plum Class Family Lunch 11.45am
Friday 1st December	NTC Performance "The Princess and the Goblin"
Wednesday 6th December	Pear Class Family Lunch 11.45am
Tuesday 12th December	Infant Christmas Concert - 1.45pm
Wednesday 13th December	Infant Christmas Concert - 10am Years 3 &4 Christmas Concert - 1.45pm
Thursday 14th December	Years 3 &4 Christmas Concert - 6pm
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Lunch and Parties
Thursday 21st December	Christingle 1:45pm
Friday 22nd December	School Closes CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 8h January	School reopens