

Swansfield Park
Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to **Luke Broster** and **Isabel Foggon** our new Head Boy and Head Girl and to our new Castle Captains who are:

Alnwick Castle - **Henry Rose** and **Mya Rae**

Bamburgh Castle - **Dylan Adamson** and **Amelia Black**

Dunstanburgh Castle - **Elliot Chapman** and **Evie Campbell**

Warkworth Castle - **Caleb Rule** and **Penny Donaldson**

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.



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Welcome back to the start of a new academic year at Swansfield Park Primary School. We do hope that everyone has had a happy summer holiday. We are looking forward to a busy and successful school year with lots of great opportunities planned.

As we begin the new school year we have signed up to the **Kind, Safe and Inclusive School campaign** which has been promoted by the *National Association of Headteachers*. We are sure you'll agree with these sentiments and it is important to always hold on to these values. **We have been increasingly concerned about children's access to social media and the impact that this has on their well being - please support us by monitoring your children's online activity.** Mr Johnson, our e-safety lead, provides valuable information on the school website and is always happy to advise as we know all too well how complex this issue is. Can we also remind parents about **communicating directly with school rather than using social media**. We all have a responsibility to be kind to everybody within our school community and to look after their well being.

We appreciate that the cost of living is impacting everybody and we want to support our families where possible. You may have heard that there is a national expectation that school uniforms are affordable. **Please remember that unbranded polo and sweatshirts are perfectly acceptable and that there is always a supply of second hand uniform available from the school office.** We are **reintroducing our breakfast offer** which will be made available to any child who needs it. Please always feel welcome to contact any member of staff if

Attendance

Most importantly please get your child to school every day on time (unless they are unwell), rested and raring to go. If you need any support, please ask either your child's class teacher or make an appointment at the office to see us.

you are struggling financially and this is having an impact on your children, we will do our best to help.

Best Wishes

Jenny Smith and Anne Marie Grimes



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YogaBugs

We are delighted to let you know that we have subscribed to an online yoga platform called YogaBugs.

We will be looking forward to using this within school and we will soon be in touch with details of how you can access this portal at home for yoga sessions that your children can enjoy or that you can enjoy together as a whole family. Not only is yoga a great way to develop strength, practicing yoga can really support positive mental health for everyone. If you would like to find out a little bit more, you can visit the YogaBugs website from the link below:



<https://yogabugs.com/>

We will email instructions to get logged on within the next week or so.

Jubilee Gardens

We are looking forward to using our new Jubilee Gardens which are a fantastic new addition to our outdoor environment.

This area will support outdoor play and physical development as well as provide a sensory area for children who want a quiet space. It will take time for the plants to embed and establish themselves but we are sure that this garden will benefit the children's well being.

We are very grateful to Dru Allan for his wonderful design and to James Tolchard and his crew for all their hard work over the summer.



Wedding Bells

We know that you will all join us in congratulating **Mr and Mrs Johnson** who celebrated their wedding during the summer holidays. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

Harvest Festival

Wednesday 19th October

As this is a time of significant hardship for many families, the Alnwick Food Bank will be grateful for donations. We would like to give non-perishable food items such as packets, cans, cartons and jars.

Please bring your donations to school on Wednesday 19th October for our harvest collection.

For our family learning this term we would like you to contribute to our Harvest Gallery which will include a photo of the harvest display made from all your gifts.

Please send photos of your harvest pictures, harvest poems, combine harvester models (red of course!) or fruit and veg sculptures, you can even record your favourite harvest songs!



Please have your contributions into school by Monday 17th October. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all to school to celebrate Harvest Festival with us.

New Faces around school

Welcome to our new staff and governor, we hope that they will feel welcomed within our school community and make a valuable contribution to school life.

Miss Tanya Thompson will be working alongside **Mrs O'Connell** in **Maple Class**.

We have appointed several new **teaching assistants** - some of whom are familiar faces in school. **Miss Olivia Taylor**, who has completed her apprenticeship, is joining our early years team and working in **Cherry Class** and **Reception**. **Mr Nick Fordham Scott** will be working in **Rowan Class**. **Mrs Chrissy Morris Watson** will be supporting Key Stage 1 and helping with the delivery of the foundation curriculum in the afternoon sessions. **Ms Emma Faithful** will be based in **Chestnut Class** with **Mr Warburton**. **Mrs Tina Belisle** is joining our kitchen team as assistant cook with **Sharon Pritchard**, who previously held that role, taking over as cook.

Ms Ellie Tamhne is the new **Parent Governor** and as a social worker she will be taking on the role of our **Safeguarding governor**.



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.**

Please stay at home if you have any Coronavirus symptoms (dry cough, fever, loss of taste or smell, high temperature) and let school know.

Please do not use mobile phones on the school site.

Remember that children must not use the climbing equipment before or after school as they will not be directly supervised.

DIARYDATES

Monday 26th September
European Day of Languages

Thursday 29th September
Individual Photographs

Thursday 6th October
Maple Class Assembly

**Week beginning
10th October**
World Braille Week

Wednesday 19th October
Harvest Festival

Friday 21st October
School closes
HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 31st October
School reopens

**Week beginning
31st October**
Parliament Week

Thursday 10th November
World Science Day

**Week beginning
14th November**
Anti-bullying Week

Monday 14th November
Odd Socks Day

Friday 18th November
Children in Need
Christmas Lights Switch On
Friends Christmas Fair

Thursday 24th November
Larch Class Assembly

Tuesday 13th December
Infant Nativity at 1:45pm

Wednesday 14th December
Infant Nativity at:9:45am
LKS2 (Y3/4)
Pantomime 1:45pm

Thursday 15th December
LSK2 (Y3/4) Pantomime
6:00pm

Wednesday 21st December
Christmas Lunch and Parties

Thursday 22nd December
Christingle at St Paul's Church
School Closes
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Monday 9th January
School reopens

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school to share in family lunches, class assemblies, Harvest and Christmas celebrations.

To live up the term we are hoping to take part in as many relevant special events or themed weeks, we have included these in the calendar..

Nut Free School

We have children in school with severe nut and sesame allergies.

These allergies are serious and cause a rapid and life threatening reaction known as anaphylaxis.

Please be mindful of this if you are preparing packed lunches for your child and please avoid including any nut products.

Our school kitchen doesn't use nuts or sesame in the preparation of meals.



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.

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