

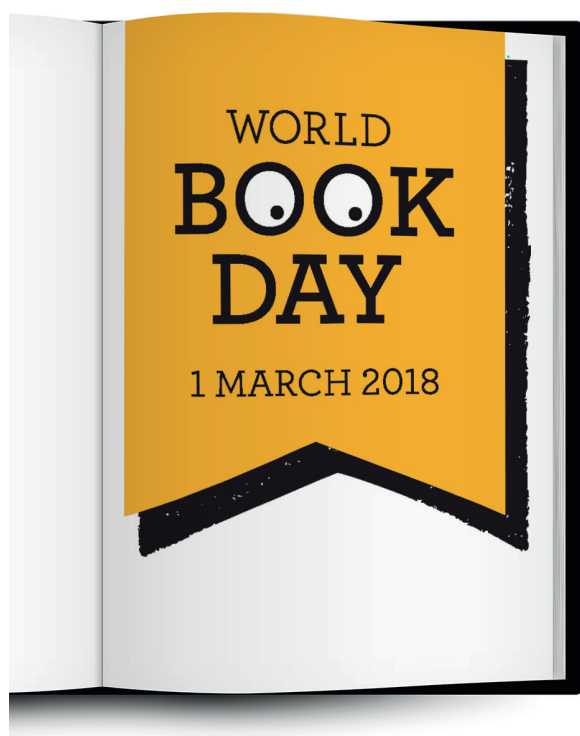
# NEWS LETTER



Swansfield Park Primary School, The Avenue, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 1UL

FEBRUARY 2018

Welcome back to another short half term. It is always challenging to squash everything into such a small time scale but we'll have a go – just try to keep up with the pace!



During March there are lots of special events to get involved in. We shall be celebrating **World Book Day** on Thursday 1st March.

Friday 23rd March will be an **active day** as we support the school council in raising money for **Sports Relief**. The Friends are organising a **coffee morning** on Saturday 3rd March and the **Easter Bingo** on Wednesday 28th March – a must for all chocoholics!

Further details about all these events will follow soon.



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

*Best Wishes Jenny Smith*



## RotaKids

Well done to **Evie Cross** who has donated her hair to the **Little Princess Trust**. She had 42cm chopped off her hair which will be used to provide real hair wigs for children and young adults who have lost their hair due to illness.

**Evie has also raised over £1,000 in sponsorship!**



# Family Learning Challenge

Over the past four years our school development has been led by an ambitious strategic plan which was written by the governors following consultation with the staff. It is now time to write our next strategic plan and this time we would like contributions from all stakeholders which include children and parents.

This is our mission statement:

**At Swansfield Park Primary School we believe in the potential of all children to succeed and reach their goals.**

**We are at the heart of our community and value the role of all our children, staff, parents and carers and wider school family in providing a safe, supportive and high quality place to learn and work.**

**We are a dynamic learning community providing an inclusive, engaging and challenging**

**environment for children to thrive and become self-reliant, creative and independent learners.**

**We aim to inspire our children to become thoughtful, confident and engaged citizens of their world and aspire to excellence in all that they do.**

We are hoping that as a family, you will help us to decide upon our next steps by using **what works well / even better if ....**

We are looking forward to your contributions in whatever form you wish - poetry, wordalls, comics, video etc.



**All entries received by Thursday 22nd March will be rewarded with smilies.**



# WORLD BOOK DAY

1 MARCH 2018

This year the **World Book Day** theme is **'Share a Book'** so alongside the usual dressing up as our favourite book characters, we're going to enjoy pop up story times when teachers will swap classrooms to share one of their favourite books with a different class.



*Other exciting events include book swaps and a golden book raffle.*

# 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:  
**Tom Cooper, Isabel Foggon, Joe Scott and Lucas Anderson.**

## An Introduction from our new Safeguarding Governor - Luke Phelan

The school governing body has a duty to ensure that the school meets its statutory responsibilities and a critical part of this is that the children attending the school are safe.

As a parent of children in school, and in my role as a governor, I consider that the safety of our children is paramount. The governing body as a whole takes this responsibility very seriously and recognises that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people goes beyond implementing basic child protection procedures.

In discharging its responsibility, amongst other things, the governing body has recently nominated me to take on specific responsibilities in respect of safeguarding. This provides us with the opportunity to give particular focus to the school's safeguarding activities. In this position my first actions will be to:

- familiarise myself with the school's policies, procedures and records and satisfy myself and the governing body that they are comprehensive, appropriate and effective. In this regard, I have been given access to a substantial body of documentation already in existence, which the school has clearly spent significant time and resource diligently developing to comply with its obligations;
- observe the application of such policies and procedures; and
- identify if there are any areas for further improvement.

On an ongoing basis, I will regularly report to the governing body with applicable information about safeguarding and liaise with appropriate members of staff. Parents should also feel free to raise any questions they have directly with me.



**Following on from our assemblies we will be Going Bananas for Fair Trade. Watch out for further information.**



# 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 21st February
<b>Sycamore Class Friends &amp; Family Lunch</b>
Tuesday 27th February
<b>Parent Consultation Morning: Years 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>
Wednesday 28th February
<b>Parent Consultation Afternoon: Reception to Year 6</b>
Thursday 1st March
<b>Parent Consultation Morning: Rec, Years 1 &amp; 2</b>
Thursday 1st March
<b>World Book Day</b>
Saturday 3rd March
<b>Coffee Morning at the Northumberland Hall</b>
Wednesday 7th March
<b>Plum Class Friends &amp; Family Lunch</b>
Thursday 8th March
<b>Sycamore Class Assembly - 2.30pm</b>
Thursday 15th March
<b>Ash Class Assembly - 2.30pm</b>
Wednesday 21st March
<b>Rowan Class Friends &amp; Family Lunch</b>
Friday 23rd March
<b>Sports Relief</b>
Wednesday 28th March
<b>Easter Bingo</b>
Thursday 29th March
<b>Spring Assembly (by invitation only)</b>
Thursday 29th March
<b>School Closes EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 16th April
<b>School re-opens</b>



## Friends and Family Lunches

Due to the short term and greater number of classes, it is not possible to offer each class a friends and family lunch this term. Therefore we are spreading these out over two terms.