

NEWSLETTER



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Following the wonderfully exciting jubilee celebrations we are now looking forward to the end of the school year – which is only 7 weeks away. We are pleased to see that the school is busy and thriving and that we seem to have reached calmer waters after the pandemic.

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 which include hiring of new staff as we are saying goodbye to **Mrs Young** and **Mrs Miller** who are both retiring after so many years of committed service at Swansfield. Congratulations to **Miss Reilly** who is off to work at Barndale House – our thanks and good wishes to all as you head to pastures new.

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 and the year 4 multiplication tables check will be sent home with the reports.

We are in the process of considering the class organisation for next year and we will be sending information home before roll up day on Wednesday 6th July.

Best wishes

Jenny Smith Anne-Marie Grimes

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Wedding Bells

We've celebrated two weddings over the half term holiday.

Congratulations to **Miss Moffet** who married her fiancé **James Chambers** at Bamburgh and to **Miss Whitlow** who is now **Mrs Farrar** after her wedding to **Ben** at Warkworth.



Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please come and talk to either head teacher if you would like to find out more about the role.



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Jubilee Celebrations

Here is a photomontage to round up all the lovely activities from the jubilee celebrations.



We had lots of fun celebrating in school ahead of the town and national celebrations during the holiday.

Congratulations go to **Gracie Shadlock, Evie Campbell** and **Abigail Hardy** on their fabulous banners which were paraded through the town.

Thanks go to our Head Boy, **Kai Elliott** and Head Girl, **Ellie Lang** who represented our school at the **Service of Thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee** at St Michael's Church.





Jubilee Garden

Over the summer holidays we are planning to develop the area around the playground into a **Jubilee Garden**.

Once again we have been working with the very talented **Dru Allan** and **James Tolchard** who created our amazing key stage 1 garden two years ago.

Here are some images to give you an idea of what it will look like in September...





Jubilee Bake-Off

What a celebration the Queen's Platinum Jubilee has been!

I hope you have all managed to enjoy the various local celebrations throughout half term. Before we broke up for half term lots of children entered our Design Technology competition "A Royal British Bake Off" and we had some amazing entries! **Thank you to all those who entered** – it felt like a great way to kick off the celebrations! A couple of the bakers accompanied **Miss Freeman** and **Mrs Young** to the care home around the corner (**St Pauls Court**) to deliver the cakes for the residents to enjoy. They were overjoyed and extremely grateful to the children for providing them with wonderful treats.

A **big well done** to our three winners – **Arran** (EYFS), **Holly** (KS1) and **Ellie** (KS2).



Help for Ukraine

After a term of amazing fundraising, the school council excelled themselves once again on Friday 27th May with their books and hearts for Ukraine sale. Children across school enjoyed coming along to spend their money and another **£444.10** was raised.

That brings our fundraising total to a whopping **£4468.65**. This money has been sent to **UNICEF** who are working directly with children and families who need their support.

Here is the link to their work in Ukraine:

<https://www.unicef.org/emergencies/war-ukraine-pose-immediate-threat-children>

We are proud, not only of our school council, but of our whole school community who have found ways to support and help those in need.

Look out for details of a yellow and blue fun run before we break up for the summer.





Friends of Swansfield Park Update

The Friends Of Swansfield would like to again express their thanks to all for supporting the Film Night last term. The final total of funds raised exceeds **£500** and we have been amazed by your generosity. This will help us to subsidise school trips and other events for the children.



We now turn our attention to the Summer Fayre on Saturday 9th July.

More information will be coming in the next few weeks, but for now **Save The Date!** Collections for the tombola will be taking place in school until **Friday 1st July**, *and the class who collects the most prizes will receive a treat!* If you are able, please send your child to school with any items such as toys, books, unopened toiletries, chocolates, etc for the class collection box. There will also be stalls for local businesses – if this is of interest to you please contact us via friendsofswansfield@gmail.com.

Similarly, please do get in touch if you would be able to assist at all on the day with set up, manning stalls or the clear up. Any amount of time would be appreciated.

As always, we'd love to hear from you if you would like to get involved with Friends or have any suggestions for future fundraising.

Thanks from the Friends!

DIARY DATES

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| Thursday 9th June | Y3 Countryside Day |
| Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th June | Y6 Residential Visit |
| Monday 27th June | Jubilee Holiday |
| Friday 1st July | Y5 Sweetthope Loughs |
| Wednesday 6th July | Roll- up Day |
| Friday 8th July | Junior Sports Day |
| | Y3 & 4 @ 10:00am / Y5 & 6 @ 1:30pm |
| Saturday 9th July | FOSP Summer Fair |
| Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th July | Y4 Residential Visit |
| Wednesday 13th July | Y6 Larch - Mudlarks |
| Thursday 14th July | Y6 Rowan - Mudlarks |
| Thursday 14th July | Infant Sports Day @ 1;30pm |
| Friday 22nd July | Leavers and Achievers |
| | School closes - Summer Holiday |
| Wednesday 7th September | School re-opens for the Autumn Term |

Barter Books

Encouraging all our children to read is very important and to support this we have established an account at Barter Books. We use this account to fund prizes, support children who don't have access to many books at home and to encourage children to appreciate this unique organisation within our locality. Please consider whether you are able to donate books to support this initiative. If so, when you drop books off at Barter Books, please just ask the credit to be added to Swansfield Park Primary school's account.

Thank you!

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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