

Swinton Primary School Newsletter

Welcome to our August Newsletter

We are delighted to welcome our children back after the Summer. It has been wonderful getting to know our new Primary 1 children, they are settling in so well. Our Primary 7 buddies are already showing so much responsibility and support to our youngest children, we know we will see great things from them this year.

We welcome Miss Lockyer in Primary 6 and Mrs Davis, our Non-Class Contact teacher, to our staff team. We know you will join us in welcoming them to our school community.

Over the Summer we have had a new addition to our extended Swinton family, Mrs Sommerville had a baby boy and we are looking forward to meeting him.

This year we look forward to welcoming our families into school much more and hope our Getting to Know Your Child sessions next week will be helpful to build partnerships with our families.

Parent Portal

A reminder that we are now using Parent Portal. If you have not yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible. Parent Portal will enable schools and parent/carers to manage the administration processes more efficiently and is designed to replace 'school bag letters'.



Parent Pay will be accessed through Parent Portal. A reminder School meals are free for all P1-5, however P6 and P7 need to pay £1.90, unless you are entitled to free school meals.

As with all new processes, we understand there have been a few 'teething problems' with setting the portal up, we thank you for your patience. If you are having any difficulties, we will be having a 'Drop-in' session for parents during our 'Getting to Know Your Child' sessions next week.

Rights Education

This term we will be focusing on children's rights and how we can all ensure everyone in school and our community enjoy these rights. Children will be creating their Class Charters and learning about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We will be sharing some of learning and discussions with our families soon.

Reminders

Children should bring in a filled water bottle each day. Keeping hydrated helps children work at their best. Plain water only please.

Children should not bring in any nuts or nut products as we have children with severe nut allergies in school.

Thank you

School Uniform

Thank you for your ongoing support ensuring our children are wearing correct school uniform. The children are looking very smart and ready for success!

- For P.E., following Glasgow City Council P.E. Guidelines all jewellery must be removed. A reminder acrylic or false nails are not permitted due to safety reasons.
- With the weather beginning to become more Autumnal, please provide your child with outdoor learning clothing for them to keep in school. They should bring a waterproof jacket, trousers (or all in one waterproof suit) and old trainers or wellies. If your child wears a blazer, please provide a waterproof jacket for your child to wear over their blazer on wet days.
- A reminder our Parent Group have an excellent Pre- Loved uniform range. We are looking to have this available in school for easy access
- Please label all your child's belongings. We already have several items of lost property with no names.

Topical Learning

This term all our classes will be learning about individuals who have contributed to society. We will discuss Rights through our topics and use the learning to help us create a new 'House' system. We hope this will mean our new 'Houses' will be more relevant and meaningful for our children. Our House system forms one of our Promoting Positive Behaviour strategies in school and children enjoy the sense of belonging and team work they experience being in a House.

Dates for your Diary

31st August & 1st September - Getting to Know Your Child sessions

23rd & 26th September - September holiday- School

Thank you to all our families and staff who have helped our children settle in over the past week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to discuss anything at all regarding your child.

Kind regards,

E.Gillies

