

Swinton Primary School Newsletter

Welcome to our January Newsletter

Happy New Year to you all!

We hope you all managed a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. I know for some of you it wasn't quite what you had hoped, with isolation and illness, but I hope for a healthy and prosperous new year for you all.

I would like to thank you all on behalf of myself and the staff for the kind presents and well wishes before the Christmas holidays - it is very much appreciated.

This term we welcome Miss Gardiner to our staff team, Miss Gardiner is our new Support for Learning worker and will join our Support Staff team - providing support for our pupils.

We hope you all have a happy, healthy Term 3. E.Gillies

Road Safety

A reminder that when crossing Rhindmuir Road, children should always cross with Betty, at the Crossing Patrol. This is the safest place to cross and children are encouraged to use the patrol. I have asked for Rhindmuir Avenue and the top of Rhindmuir Road to be assessed for a crossing patrol. I will update you once the Team have carried out their assessment.

Following Government Guidance, the school is very well ventilated, therefore windows are open for most of the day. It is likely your child will need to wear a cardigan or jumper/hood during the day in class. We do have spares if anyone requires these.

Children continue to take part in outdoor learning. It is important that while they are outside they are warm and comfortable. We have noticed some children's waterproof items are now getting too small - we will ask children who require bigger sizes to bring these home to let you know. Thank you for your support. If any families need assistance with supplying waterproof clothing, please let me know.

This term classes will be focusing on Space experiences and outcomes. There will also be a focus on People in the Past.

Watch out for our online Parent Nurture Survey. We value your thoughts and opinions and want to provide opportunities for you to share them.

Reminders

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

We would ask that children do not have false/acrylic nails as can cause harm if accidentally caught/knocked during P.E. or outdoor play. They also do not comply with our Uniform policy.

Thank you

Health and Well Being

The Health and Well Being curriculum is a core aspect of teaching and learning in school. All staff at Swinton work hard to ensure children's well being is considered in all aspects of their life at school and staff work closely with families to ensure we can provide the best support possible.

There are a number of key approaches staff use to teach and support health and well being. Over the coming weeks we will share with families details of these approaches. Alongside sharing learning using the Family Seesaw app, we hope the information shared will give you an insight into your child's learning and ethos in school and also give ideas and approaches you may be able to use at home to support your child.

Covid 19 Guidelines

I want to thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation to keep our school and community safe. Changes in the current guidance will hopefully lessen the disruption for children and families. The guidance can be complicated, so please do get in touch if you have any questions or need anything clarified.

A reminder that if your child shows any of the symptoms of COVID 19, they need to isolate and book a PCR test as soon as possible. The most common symptoms are a recent onset of: a new continuous cough; high temperature; or loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste and smell.

P.E. Update

As you may know, we are now able to have P.E. indoors again. This term there will be a focus on Gymnastics. Children will need a gym kit for P.E.- to move safely and also to be comfortable. All children should have a pair of shorts/leggings or joggers, as well as a t-shirt (this can be their school polo shirt) and a change of shoes - sand shoes or trainers (with the Winter weather, many children are wearing boots- these, I am sure you will understand, are not suitable for indoor P.E.). P.E. Kits can be left in school each week or kept in school bags. Class teachers will be in touch through Seesaw to remind you of their P.E. days.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 14th and 15th February - School Closed Mid term break
- 16th February - School closed for pupils for Inservice Day
- 1st April - School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Holiday
- 19th April – School returns from Spring Holiday