

Spittal Community First School News



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Welcome

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had a lovely summer and the children have a happy and successful year. We are welcoming 28 new children into reception, and 20 into other years including our nursery class. Just a reminder that the school gates open at 8.45 a.m. and the children are taken in for registration at 8.55 a.m. It is important that they arrive on time ready for a smooth start to the school day. We hope all our new starters settle in well and enjoy their time at Spittal.

School News

After positive feedback last year we are once again providing a list of key dates for the year ahead. Additional dates will be added as time goes by and these dates are confirmed in the weekly newsletter. Additional information and newsletters can be found on our website at www.spittal.northumberland.sch.uk. The website also contains other useful information such as term dates, the school prospectus, curriculum information and photographs. Copies of the current newsletter are also displayed on the notice boards in the school playground.

Attached to this letter you will find a permission letter for local visits and photographs.

Clubs will be running next week for children in year two, three and four. If your child would like to attend any of these clubs please return the slip to school and we will let you know if they have a space.

Please could you remember to send any money into school in a named envelope on a Monday? Swimming this term is for children in year two and three and we ask for a contribution of £3.00 per week payable on a Monday. If you would like to pay in advance the cost for this half term's swimming is £21.00. If you would still like to pay in advance for school meals the cost until half term is £70 to pay for the half term in advance from next week or £2.00 per day/ £10.00 per week. P.E and swimming will both start next week so please ensure all kits are in school. Swimming is once again on a Tuesday. Children in years two and four will swim in the spring term and years one and two in the summer term.

Free School Meals and School Milk

School meals are free for those in reception, year one and two but need to be paid for from year three onwards unless you are eligible for Free School Meals. However, to receive free school milk from the term after your child's fifth birthday parents will still need to apply for Free School Meals. The school also receives funding for each child from families receiving these benefits if Free School Meals are applied for.

This funding is used to provide extra support for children to help them to achieve their very best at school. Please apply for Free School Meals if at any time you become eligible for any of the benefits listed even if your child is in reception, year one or two. Forms are available from the school office.

Children are eligible for Free School Meals if any of the following are met;

- Child Tax Credit ONLY- Income below £16,190 (Families receiving Working Tax Credit are not eligible)
- Income Support
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Income Based Job Seekers allowance
- Guaranteed Element Of State Pension Credit.
- The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

Monday 9th September

Year four children to observe the start of The Tour of Britain

Friday 13th September

Roald Dahl day. Children can come in dressed in their pyjama's ready for their favourite Roald Dahl bedtime stories!

Friday 18th October

Year Four children visit The Guildhall for a performance of Oliver Twist

Friday 25th October

9.00a.m Harvest assembly for Nursery, Miss Lundy and Miss McColl's classes

2.45p.m Harvest assembly for Miss Bayly, Mr Straughan and Mr Hair's classes. Donations in aid of Berwick food bank.

Friday 25th October

School closes at 3.20p.m for half term

Monday 4th November

School re-opens at 8.55a.m

Week beginning 11th November

Anti-bullying week

Week beginning 18th November

Parent's evenings

Friday 29th November

Christmas Fair 1.30 p.m.

Wednesday 4th December

Reception children visit Whitehouse Farm.

Thursday 5th December

Christmas lunch. Children may wear a Christmas jumper.

Monday 9th December

Christmas performance Year Three 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 10th December

Christmas performance Year Four 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas performance Years One and Two, 2.30 p.m.

Thursday 12th December

Christmas performance Nursery and Reception 9.30 a.m and 2.30 p.m.

Monday 16th December

Year Three Christmas party

Tuesday 17th December

Year Four Christmas party

Wednesday 18th December

Year One and Two Christmas party.

Thursday 19th December

Panto trip for Classes 1-6

Nursery and Reception Christmas party

Friday 21st December

9.00a.m Christmas assembly for Nursery, Miss Lundy and Miss McColl's classes

2.45p.m Christmas assembly for Miss Bayly, Mr Straughan and Mr Hair's classes.

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for Christmas.

Spring Term

School re-opens Tuesday 7th January at 8.55 a.m.

Friday 24th January

Burns lunch

Monday 27th January

Chinese New Year lunch

Wednesday 12th February

School photographer: class and individual photographs.

Thursday 11th February

Safer internet day

Friday 14th February

9.00a.m Assembly for Nursery, Miss Lundy and Miss McColl's classes

2.45p.m Assembly for Miss Bayly, Mr Straughan and Mr Hair's classes.

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for half term.

School re-opens Monday 24th February at 8.55 a.m.

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day; Witches and Wizards themed dress up!

Friday 13th March

Comic relief; Dress up in red!

Week Beginning 16th March

Parent's Evenings

Friday 27th March

Spittal School Bake Off!

Friday 3rd April

9.00a.m Assembly for Nursery, Miss Lundy and Miss McColl's classes

2.45p.m Assembly for Miss Bayly, Mr Straughan and Mr Hair's classes.

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for Easter.

Summer Term

School re-opens Monday 20th April at 8.55 a.m

Friday 8th May

Closed for bank holiday

Friday 24th May

9.00a.m Assembly for Nursery, Miss Lundy and Miss McColl's classes

2.45p.m Assembly for Miss Bayly, Mr Straughan and Mr Hair's classes.

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for half term.

School re-opens Monday 1st June at 8.55 a.m.

Tuesday 2nd June

New parent's evening

Wednesday 24th June

9.30 a.m Sports Day for Nursery, Miss Lundy and Miss McColl's classes

1.30 p.m. Sports Day for Miss Bayly, Mr Straughan and Mr Hair's classes.

Monday 29th June

International mud day activities for Nursery, reception and year 1 children.

Wednesday 3rd July

Reserve sports day.

Week beginning 6th July

Creative seaside week.

Tuesday 7th July

Fun in the sun lunch

Friday 10th July

Beach performance 2.30 p.m

Tuesday 14th July

Leaver's assembly 2.45 p.m.

Wednesday 15th July

Fun in the field 2.30 p.m.

Thursday 16th July

Leaver's party

Friday 19th July

9.00a.m Assembly for Nursery, Miss Lundy and Miss McColl's classes

2.45p.m Assembly for Miss Bayly, Mr Straughan and Mr Hair's classes.

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for the end of term.