

# 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 34 new children into reception, and 12 into other years including our new nursery class. We are also excited to welcome two new members of staff; Mr Straughan is teaching Class Five and Miss McColl is teaching Class Four. Miss Bayly has also returned to us after her maternity leave, with Miss Lundy also remaining permanently with us. We hope all our new starters settle in well and enjoy their time at Spittal.

## School News

We are delighted with our new nursery class and we still have spaces left. Please see a member of staff for further details.

Next week sees the launch of 'Live Kitchen' which is a new way of ordering school meals. If you have not yet handed in your e-mail details please contact the school office.

At the beginning of each half term you will receive a copy of this newsletter with dates for the term so far. There is an updated newsletter added to the website every few weeks with more dates added or amended, so please check the newly revamped website regularly for information and news at [www.spittal.northumberland.sch.uk](http://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. Our school face book page also has reminders and updates of useful information.

Attached to this letter you will find a permission letter for local visits, photographs, a home-school agreement and an updated data collection sheet. If your child has any medical conditions such as asthma, epilepsy, allergies please add this on to the data collection sheet as we then need to complete medical plans.

Please could you remember to send any money into school in a named envelope on a Monday? Swimming this year again for years two, three and four is £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 £18.00. If you would still like to pay in advance for school meals the cost until half term is £64.35 or £1.95 per day.

At the end of the school day, class teachers dismiss children one at a time to ensure the safety of the children. This may take time, but we thank you for your patience. If there is a change to the person who is picking your child up please inform the class teacher.

### **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.

P.E and swimming will both start next week so please ensure all kits are in school.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or the school office. I hope we have a fabulous year!

Wendy Kiff

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Reception children stay until 1.20 p.m

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

'Live Kitchen' launch.

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Roald Dahl day. Come dressed as your favourite character.

#### **Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Reception stay full-time.

#### **Week Beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Book Fair

#### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Reception and Year One children visit The Maltings for 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' performance.

#### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Year Three and Four 'Titanic' themed dance and drama workshops with Cheryl Stewart

#### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Author Stuart Reid to visit school.

9.00a.m Harvest assembly for Nursery, Reception and Year One.

2.30p.m Harvest assembly for Year Two, Three and Four.

#### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

School closes 3.20p.m for half term

#### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

School re-opens 8.55a.m