

Swarland Primary School Newton on the Moor Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JP



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Safeguarding and independence

Now that our children are settled into the school routine, we would like to encourage our children to become as independent as possible when coming into school. By coming into school independently saying goodbye to parents in the school yard, it can help children to organise themselves and their belongings and develop a sense of responsibility. This recommendation also has the benefit of having fewer adults in school with regard to safeguarding, meaning that any unknown persons can be more easily identifiable. There will still be the opportunity for parents to liaise with their child's class teacher about minor issues should they require the time at the start of the school day. May I remind parents that school registration begins at 8:55am and children should be ready in their classrooms for this time.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all of those who made our Christmas Fair a great success by donating items, helping to organise and run stall or coming along to support us on the day. It was well attended and a great time was had by all.

Christmas Performances

The children will be performing their production of Christmas Around The World on Monday 12th December at 1pm and Tuesday 13th December at 9:30am. Due to the capacity in our school hall we are requesting no more than two adults per child please at the event.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for the children will take place on Tuesday 13th December. The cost will be £2.00 for any child in Y3/4 who wishes to join us.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be on Friday 16th December. Our cook has kindly offered to make the party food for the school lunch. Therefore we will require all children to have a paid school lunch on this day. This will cost £2 per child if in Y3/4 as children in Reception to Year 2 have free school meals as part of the Government scheme. Children should come to school already dressed in their warm party clothes and with their outdoor footwear. No heels or sandals please. We are hoping to have a special guest who will take time out of his busy schedule to come and visit us on this afternoon.

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Christmas Panto

All the children will have the delightful opportunity to watch the Panto of Aladdin visiting our school on the afternoon of Wednesday 14^{th} December. The H.S.A. have kindly offered to pay for this entertainment.

<u>Swimming</u>

Swimming will commence in the Spring Term beginning 3^{rd} January for all of our pupils, Reception to Year 4. Swimming will take place on Tuesday afternoons at the Willowburn Leisure Centre. There is a voluntary contribution for these lessons which is £3.30 per session which covers the cost of the lesson and the coach travel.

New Year Opening Dates

Children will be returning to school after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of myself and the staff.

<u>Dates for Diaries</u>

8th December 3:40pm Musical Theatre Club performance for parents.

12th December - Children's Christmas Performance 1pm at school

13th December - Children's Christmas Performance at school at 9:30am

13th December - Christmas Lunch

14th December - Children's Panto at school 1pm

16th December - Christmas Party

Warmest Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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