



Swinton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see the children come back after the Christmas holidays well rested and eagerly engaging once more in their learning.

We are now over half way through the year, and at this point we would like to offer all our parents and carers a formal invitation to the parent / carer consultations taking place on 2 and 3 March. You will be able to discuss your child's progress and discuss the level they are working on including ways of supporting and challenging your child. Booking details will follow shortly.

We hope you find the curriculum newsletters attached at the end of this newsletter informative. Please discuss the learning that your child's teachers have planned with them.

As always we invite parents to provide feedback on your child's learning and teaching in school. You can send informal feedback to swintonps@scotborders.gov.uk and Rosemary.berrett@scotborders.gov.uk.

Staffing

P1/2 ~ Mrs O'Mara (gw09omarajennifer01@glow.sch.uk) / Ms. Evans (gw14evansnicola@glow.sch.uk)
(Tuesdays only)

P3/4 ~ Miss Heron (gw21heronlizabeth@glow.sch.uk)

P5/6/7 ~ Miss Brown (gw21brownmhairi@glow.sch.uk)

Support for Learning

Mrs Watson (Elsbeth.watson@scotborders.gov.uk)

Wider & Personal Achievement

Mr Liddington has been working with the Primary 3/4 class creating "Environmental Art". It has been inspired by an artist called Andy Goldsworthy who makes art out of natural materials. The class have also been clearing an area in our garden in preparation for growing fruit and vegetables in old tyres.

Cross Country Event

We are hoping to enter a team of 5-7 pupils into the cross country competition in Eyemouth currently planned for Thursday 24th February organised by Eyemouth Active Schools Coordinator, Kendal Smith. The children are currently getting the opportunity to practice with our PE specialist Lorna Matthews who is taking a new cross-country after-school club at Swinton Primary. The club commences this Thursday, 3rd February and runs for two weeks from 3.25pm to 4:15pm. If you would like your child to attend please complete the booking form in the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/220182465712350>

Burns Lunch – Wednesday, 9 February



Our P7 pupils will be hosting a Burns Lunch on Wednesday, 9 February. There will be a piper, our very own chanter teacher, Mr. Warren, and a delicious meal with poetry, speeches and toasts.

As part of the entertainment, the classes have been invited to learn a Scots poem or reading and each class will sing a song in Scots. We will finish the afternoon with some Scottish dancing and a rendition of Auld Lang Syne. The children are invited to come to school wearing something tartan for the day.

Children and Community
Achieving TOGETHER

Respectful, Welcoming,
Positive, Thriving

Ensuring our children get the best start
in life and are ready to succeed

School lunches will follow the usual menu on ParentPay, but children can have a taste of haggis, neeps and tatties if they wish. Please let us know if your child does not wish a wee taste of the local haggis caught in the fields nearby.

Early Learning & Childcare

We have had a fantastic enrolment week but we do still have a few spaces available. At Swinton ELC your child will enjoy their nursery experience next door to where they will attend school, allowing them to become familiar with the building, staff and their peers before starting Primary 1. If you wish to enrol your child at Swinton ELC please follow the link:

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20038/school_and_nursery_places/528/early_learning_and_childcare/8

School Website

A reminder that our website can be found at <https://www.swintonps.scotborders.sch.uk/>. You can find information about all our upcoming events, term dates, along with copies of newsletters and our school and ELC handbooks.

Please ensure your child brings their school jumper and a warm coat to school every day. **Could children also now bring to school a change of shoes for indoor use.** Please ensure all items are marked with your child's name so that we can return them if they are mislaid.

Home Together

The attached information from BCYT and Berwickshire churches can be found at the end of this newsletter with details on how to register for an activity pack for this month-long campaign.

Girl Guiding

The Girl Guides Association is looking for volunteers for Rainbows (aged 4+) and Brownies (aged 7+); Guiding is totally flexible. Every commitment counts, there is no level of commitment too small. You have the power to change the lives of girls and young women. You don't need any Guiding experience. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for further details on how you can get involved.

Diary Dates

Please make a note of the following dates. Any changes will be communicated via group call / Facebook. Please note that under the current circumstances, dates may change at short notice. All these events can also be found on our website. www.swintonps.scotborders.sch.uk

Diary Dates for 2021/22	
Date	Item
Wednesday, 9 February	Burns Lunch
Friday, 11 February	Last day for pupils - February holiday
Monday, 14 February	Staff In-Service Day
Tuesday, 22 February	All resume (Amended Date)
Thursday, 24 February	Berwickshire Primary Schools Cross Country Championships - further details to follow
Wednesday, 2 March	Parents Evening - Details to follow
Thursday, 3 March	Parents Evening - Details to follow
Thursday, 3 March	World Book Day (Details to follow)
Friday, 18 March	Red Nose Day (Details to follow)
Friday, 1 April 2022	Last day of term for pupils and staff
Monday, 18 April	All resume

Links to SBC Term dates can be found on our website
<https://www.swintonps.scotborders.sch.uk/parents>



**A monthly session
for families to enjoy from Home!
From Friday 4th Feb**

Home

Together

from BCYT & Berwickshire churches

**YouTube video of
bible stories and
activities!**

**Activity pack
can be collected
from a local church**

**To register and request an
activity pack, email before
Mon 31st Jan or follow link:**

hometogetherclub@gmail.com



Berwickshire Christian Youth Trust is a charity registered in Scotland, number SCO26804
BCYT is an associate Trust of Scripture Union Scotland.

Girlguiding is the UK's leading charity for girls and young women.
Join our team of 100,000 volunteers in the UK.

Volunteer with us

Inspire girls in your area
by just being you!

You could
volunteer with
Brownies
Age 7+

You could
volunteer with
Rainbows
Age 4+



Our events,
adventures
and meetings
empower girls to
be their best
and become
confident.

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 0800 169 5901

You could
volunteer with
Rangers
Age 14+

Your local Girlguiding contact is..
Dunsguiding@outlook.com
Volunteers needed
Mondays and Thursdays

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flexible. Every
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Guiding experience.

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volunteer with
Guides
Age 10+



You could
support Guiding
on a local
level

To find out more visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested