

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 16 new children into reception, and 7 new starters into our nursery class. In order to comply with the Government guidance on 32.5 hours for the school week, from Monday the school gates will open at 8.45 a.m. and the children will be taken in at 8.50 a.m. It is important that children 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 First School.

School News

Attached is a paper copy of dates for the school year. Additional dates will be added as time goes by and these dates are confirmed via parent app and in our weekly newsletter. If you have any difficulties with the Parent App please speak to Miss Richards. 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.

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 will commence next week. 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 £87.50 to pay for the half term in advance from next week or £2.50 per day/ £12.50 per week. This is payable in cash or online through School Grid. P.E and swimming will both start next week so please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kits on their designated days as follows;

Miss Bayly; Wednesday and Thursday
Mrs Woodhouse; Monday and Wednesday
Miss Jeffrey; Wednesday and swim kit required on a Friday
Mr Straughan; Monday and Wednesday
Mrs Mutch; Wednesday and Friday

Details to follow regarding an after-school PE club beginning next week for children in Year 3 and 4 who would like to attend.

From Monday, the gates will be opened at the end of the day at 3.15p.m for the children to be dismissed at 3.20 p.m. 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 Means Tested 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;

- Universal credit (provided your annual net earned income is not more than £7400 from your last 3 assessment periods.)
- 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

Wednesday 11th September

Reception, Year 1 and 2 all visit The Maltings to see Anna Hibiscus.

Friday 13th September

Year 2 begin swimming and Nursery begin Library visits.

Wednesday 9th October

Storyteller performance at The Guildhall for Year 2

Thursday 10th October

Wear something yellow for Mental Health Awareness Day

Friday 11th October

Individual photo's

Week Beginning 14th October

Parents' evenings

Wednesday 23rd October

Halloween Bingo 3.30p.m.

Thursday 24th October

Year 4 music workshop

Friday 25th October

School closes at 3.20p.m for half term

Monday 4th November

School re-opens.

Monday 11th November

School Act of Remembrance

Week beginning 11th November

Anti-bullying week

Friday 15th November

Children in Need; Children wear spotty clothing

Monday 18th November

Road safety week

Thursday 28th November

School Christmas Fair 2 p.m.

Thursday 5th December

Christmas jumper day.

Christmas lunch.

Monday 9th December

Christmas performance Mr Straughan and Mrs Mutch 9.30a.m.and 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 10th December

Christmas performance Miss Richards and Miss Bayly 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas performance Mrs Woodhouse and Miss Jeffrey 9.30a.m.and 2.30 p.m.

Monday 16th December

Mr Straughan and Mrs Mutch Christmas party

Tuesday 17th December

Mrs Woodhouse and Miss Jeffrey Christmas party.

Wednesday 18th December

Miss Richards and Miss Bayly Christmas party

Friday 20th December

School closes 3.20 p.m. No after school club.

Spring Term

Monday 6th January

Teacher training day

Tuesday 7th January

School reopens for pupils

Friday 24th January

Burns lunch

Wednesday 29th January

Chinese New Year lunch

Thursday 6th February

'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m. An opportunity for you to come into school to view your child's work.

Friday 7th February

Pyjama day at the end of National Storytelling Week

Friday 21st February

School closes for half term 3.20p.m.

Monday 3rd March

School re-opens

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day. Dress as your favourite story character

Monday 10th March

Science week.

Tuesday 11th March

Year 1 parents' phonics information session 3 p.m.

Week Beginning 17th March

Parent's Evenings

Friday 21st March

Comic relief; Dress up in red!

Wednesday 2nd April

Easter Bingo 3.20 p.m.

Friday 11th April

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for Easter. No after school club.

Summer Term

School re-opens Monday 28th April at 8.50 a.m.

Monday 5th May

Closed for bank holiday

Tuesday 6th May

Class Photographs

Thursday 15th May

'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m.

Friday 23rd May

School closes for half term break 3.20p.m.

Monday 2nd June

School reopens

Year 4 Multiplication check commences (Mrs Mutch's class)

Wednesday 4th June

Sports Day 1.30p.m.

Friday 6th June

Nursery Sports Day 9.15a.m.

Monday 9th June

Phonics screening check week for Mrs Woodhouse's class

Week beginning 16th June

Creative fortnight

Wednesday 18th June

Reserve Sports Day 1.30 p.m.

Friday 20th June

Reserve Nursery Sports Day 9.15a.m.

Wednesday 2nd July

Fun in the Sun Lunch (Picnic lunch and activity afternoon)

Friday 11th July

Nursery graduation 9.15 a.m.

Friday 18th July

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for the end of term. No after school club.