



Swansfield Park
Primary School

NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2020

Usually I would be welcoming everyone back for the summer term and telling you about all the lovely activities we have planned. However, these are quite extraordinary times so this newsletter is an attempt to stay in touch and help us all to make the most of the current situation.

Firstly, I hope that you are all well, safe and secure. The wellbeing of our children and families is our primary concern, even though we are not at school we are always available, working remotely from home. If you need support, please contact myself (Jenny.Smith@swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk) or any member of staff and we'll

do our utmost to help – you can find all of our email addresses on the school website or use the admin email at the end of this newsletter.

Each day, including during the Easter holiday, teams of staff – teachers, teaching assistants, cooks and cleaners have been in school educating and caring for the critical worker children, everyone is happy and busy in school. If you are passing either Newcastle Building Society or Barclays Bank look for our beautiful rainbows.

Jenny Smith



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I hope you have been able to establish a daily routine which allows for exercise and home learning and this is no mean feat if you are trying to work from home as well!

The teaching staff have tried hard to provide a range of learning materials and they update their class pages and home learning galleries on a weekly basis. We have shared lots of online resources to support home schooling.

As we move forward class teachers will make sure that they have received weekly responses from all children in their class, teachers will also monitor activity on resources such as **School 360, Times Table Rockstars, Numbots, Frog Play** and the **Early Years Online Learning Journals**.

We are mindful that some families may be struggling with available devices or can't access the internet – please send me a message if you are having difficulties – we may be able to help.

If paper copies of worksheets are easier to manage let us know and we'll post them out or deliver a pack with your food bag.

There has been some wonderful work submitted, along with photos and videos – I have been particularly impressed with some of the lovely cooking that has been going on. I'd love to see more!



Ongoing contact is really important for us to ensure that everyone is well and therefore staff will be making welfare calls if we don't see regular online activity just to check that you are ok.



One of the most important jobs at the moment is to make sure that all our children entitled to free school meals have food.

We spoke to all our eligible families and listened to their circumstances. Although it would be much easier to buy vouchers for all children we heard that it was difficult either to get supermarket deliveries or get shopping with no one to look after the children and lots of families were self-isolating.

We therefore decided to make up a **food bag – well, two, to be precise!** **Hazel and the kitchen crew** prepare biscuits, fruit jellies, boiled eggs, cut blocks of cheese and wrap ham. Then it's off to Morrison's to pick up a weekly order of milk, fruit, vegetables, tins of beans and tuna plus a few other store cupboard essentials from our Community Champion, **Margaret Kerr. Mr Warburton, Ms Givens** and myself then pack the bags and leave them for collection or deliver around the area with drop offs as far afield as Amble and Embleton.



Our Easter Competition Results

It was super to see so many creative entries have a look on the website for them all. Here are our winners and runners up in each category:

A decorated egg



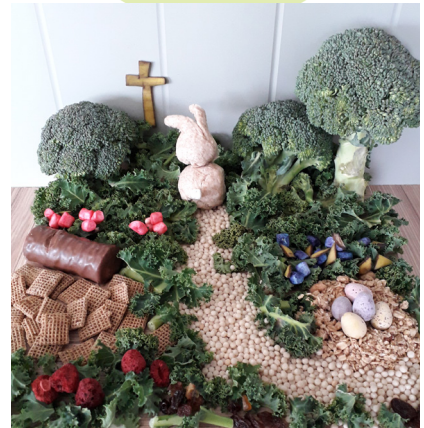
WINNER
Ella Rose Clements

An Easter Bonnet



WINNER
Matilda Nelms

An Easter Garden



WINNER
Lily Hamilton



RUNNER UP
Isaac Buddles



RUNNER UP
Una Morris-Watson



RUNNER UP
Rachel Bridgens

Our thanks to Mrs Hammond and Mrs Vicky for the difficult task for judging this competition. I hope that the Easter Bunny left a little treat for all our winners – well done everyone!



Communications

We use many different ways to communicate with parents.



Keep up to date through the school website at:
www.swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk



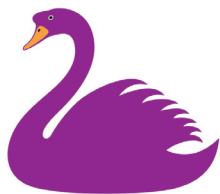
Email the office at:
admin@swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk



Check the text messages received from **Teachers2Parents** – please ensure that the office have an up to date mobile number for you.



Read the **Head Teacher's weekly blog** posted on the website and on Facebook every Monday for the very latest news.



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DIARY DATES

Well how long is a piece of string? Here are the key dates this term – hopefully we'll be able to add more dates in later.

Friday 8th May

Bank Holiday, 75th Anniversary of VE Day

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Half term holiday

Friday 17th July

Summer Holidays begin

Wednesday 2nd September

School reopens for the AUTUMN TERM

FAMILY LEARNING

We know you enjoy a challenge – so to keep you busy during lockdown we thought that you'd like something a bit different.

I know a lot of you took part in a scavenger hunt so I wonder whether you could recreate our school logo using anything but paper, colouring pens and paint (have a look at Big Art from Art Attack).

Just take a photo and send it to me and we'll put them on the website and there will be more prizes to be won!



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COVID-19 MUTUAL AID UK

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Alnwick Town Council has set up a Mutual Aid UK support group: www.facebook.com/Alnwick-Town-Council-Covid-19-Mutual-Aid-UK to help people who are isolated and can't get out. We have mapped the whole town and leaflet dropped every household. We have recruited volunteers who have been doing a fantastic job.

For more information visit our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Alnwick-Town-Council-Covid-19-Mutual-Aid-UK>

For volunteering or requesting help email: covida.alnwick@gmail.com

Stay Safe, Stay Well, Stay at home.