



Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

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Today is the last day of the Autumn Term. School reopens on Monday 7th January at 8am for breakfast club or 9am for school.

Term Dates

Please see below our term dates for this school year. We ask that all family holidays are booked during school holidays where possible. Holidays during term time will be unauthorised and a referral to the local authority will be made. A fine can be issued.

Term	Start of Term	Half term	Last day of term
Spring	Monday 7 January	Monday 18 - Friday 22 February	Friday 5 April
Summer	Tuesday 23 April	Monday 27 - 31 May	Thursday 18 July

In addition to the above dates school will also be closed on Monday 6th May for Bank Holiday and Friday 21st June for an Occasional Day.

Welcome Miss Uddin

We would like to wish a warm welcome to Miss Uddin, our new year 3 teacher, who will be starting in January.

Operation Outdoors

Swalwell Primary School have launched a fundraising campaign "Operation Outdoors" to replace our outdoor play equipment which is currently out of bounds. Gateshead Council have agreed to contribute a pound for every pound that the school raises!

To start off our fundraising we asked parents, carers and family members for a donation for admission into the Christmas performances. We also decided that all funds raised from this years Christmas Fair would go towards Operation Outdoors.

As well as the above we have also arranged a bag pack for the children in January at B&M Metrocentre.

If you have any ideas on how you can support us in our fundraising efforts, please don't hesitate to see a member of staff in the admin office.

Remember to check our Fundraising Thermometer at the main school entrance.

So far we have managed to raise a fantastic £1600! Thank you to all parents, carers and family members who have donated so far. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community and are very grateful.

Thank you for your support.

Festive Fun Club

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve our provision at Swalwell Primary School, we have organised a Festive Fun Club to support parents/carers over the Christmas holidays.

Festive Fun Club will be held on Thursday 27th December and Friday 28th December between 10am and 2pm.

School staff have kindly volunteered to come into school to provide fun and exciting activities for the children.

This club will be provided free of charge and will include lunch.

Children can just come along on the day, we look forward to seeing you all.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who turned out for our Christmas Fair on Monday afternoon, the hall was bustling with activity and it was lovely to see lots of family members coming along to the event. Each class made and sold different festive items including tree decorations and reindeer lollies.

We managed to raise an amazing £724.35 at the Christmas Fair, this total includes all raffle tickets, stall sales and Santa's Grotto admission. Swalwell staff would like to say a big thank you to all parents, carers, grandparents and extended family members who helped raise funds towards "Operation Outdoors"

A special thankyou to Mrs Greetham who gave up a lot of time and goodwill to make the fair a success.

All parent/ carers who were our lucky raffle prize winners have been contacted via text. Prizes can be collected from the main school office.

Look out for future fundraising events in the New Year. Merry Christmas!

Wrap Around Care

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve our provision at Swalwell Primary School, we would like to organise "**After School All Stars**" which will run **3:30pm till 6pm Monday to Friday** every week (term time only).

Children will have the opportunity to take part in various games, arts & crafts and play activities both indoors and out with a member of school staff leading the sessions. The sessions will cost £5.50 and will include a drink and snack.

Children do not need to attend every day to join in the activities and a registration consent form will be sent after Christmas once we confirm there is enough interest. Please contact the school office for more information or to express your interest.

Are you Interested in Extra Nursery Sessions?

As you are aware all Nursery children are entitled to 15 hours of free provision provided over 38 weeks (universal entitlement). Some children are also entitled to an additional 15 hours (extended entitlement). Please go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to check whether you are eligible to receive the 30 hours extended entitlement. At Swalwell School we offer the following patterns of provision:

Universal entitlement: 9am-12pm, 5 mornings per week

Extended entitlement: 9am until 3.30pm 5 days per week

From 1st December 2018, we will be offering parents/ carers who are not entitled to extended entitlement, the opportunity to purchase additional afternoon sessions at £10 per session.

Sessions must be paid for in advance and are subject to availability.

If your child attends Nursery for a full day there will be the option of bringing a packed lunch or purchasing a school lunch for £1.40 per day.

Parent/ carers can opt to take advantage of additional Nursery sessions at any point throughout the academic year with advance notice given to the school office.

Remember, Nursery children can also take advantage of our free Breakfast Club, run every morning 8am till 9am for a nutritious healthy breakfast.

If you would like further information or to book extra sessions, please call school on 0191 433 4000 or speak to a member of staff in the school office.

Go Gateshead Sports Camps

GO Gateshead Sports Camps at Gateshead Leisure Centre are perfect for children aged between 8-14 years where they will get the chance to participate in a fantastic range of activities from badminton to basketball, ultimate frisbee to trampolining, swimming to dodgeball. Our GO Gateshead Sports Camps are extremely popular so once you've chosen a day(s), we recommend that you book fast to secure your place.

January Sports Camps run;

Thursday 3rd January 2019

Friday 4th January 2019

9am – 3pm and bookings are for 1 day at £20 or 2 days at £30.

To book please visit www.gogateshead.com/sportscamps or call 0191 4335733.

Safeguarding

Should you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to speak to our designated members of staff: Mrs Waugh, Mrs Leaver or Mrs McCall.

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for dates, information and to see what our classes are up to.**