



# Swinton Primary School Newsletter No. 4 – January 2024

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Dear Parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to all our children and their families for the start of the new term. We have a busy term ahead full of planned class learning and wider achievement activities. Details of afterschool sports clubs and tournaments run by Live Borders coaches or our own PE teachers will be sent to the relevant year groups separately.

## **P1 - P7 Parents**

We will be holding in person teacher and parent consultations to discuss your child's progress. These will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 3.40pm to 7.30pm and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3.40pm to 5.00pm. The appointment system will be set up where you can book a suitable slot with your child's class teacher.

Instructions on how to book an appointment will be provided in the Parent's Evening letters that we will be sending out shortly via Groupcall / Expressions. You will be able to log in to book appointments from 6.00pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> January up to midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

## Burns Lunch



We will be hosting a P7 led Burns Lunch on Monday 29th of January with dancing, singing, poetry entertainment afterwards.

The children are invited to come to school wearing something tartan for the day. School lunches will follow the usual menu on parent pay, so please book as normal.

Here are a few reminders to help this term run smoothly.



1. As the weather becomes more wintry, we ask that you ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat every day with suitable footwear for the changing weather and a pair of indoor shoes to change into when in class.
2. Please remember to bring a filled water bottle for class use every day. Juice is only to be consumed during lunchbreaks.
3. Please can all long hair be tied back for PE. All children to bring their PE kit of plain t-shirt, shorts, leggings / joggers including trainers for PE days? Please be aware that our spare gym shoes supply is limited with correct sizes for children if they forget their shoes.



Please see below the link to the school handbook:

[657ae53051bb7f7125e30b77 Swinton Primary School Handbook 2023-24 FINAL.pdf \(website-files.com\)](https://www.files.com/657ae53051bb7f7125e30b77_Swinton%20Primary%20School%20Handbook%202023-24%20FINAL.pdf)

## 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.

Diary Dates for 2024	
Date	Item
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Burns lunch
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Proposed P7 Curling Trip to Border Ice Rink
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening 3.40pm to 7.30pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening 3.40pm to 5.00pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term for pupils (February holiday)
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Staff In service Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	All resume (February holiday)
Date to be confirmed	P7 Residential meeting (details to follow)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term for pupils and staff
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	All resume
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	P7 Residential Trip - Lockerbie Manor
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Staff In service Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	All resume
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of term for pupils and staff

Term Dates can be found on the [Scottish Borders Council website](#).

[School term dates for 2023-24 | Term, holiday and closure dates | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)