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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year at Swarland Primary School. May I extend a special warm welcome to our new starters and families. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are ready for the exciting Autumn Term ahead.

Each month we will send a newsletter to you containing events and information that you may require. This will be supplemented with additional items throughout the year.

Changing for P.E. at home

This term we are going to trial a new system for children in Year 1 to Year 6. We would like them to come to school in appropriate PE kits on their PE days. By doing this we are hoping children can spend more time actively involved in PE lessons, parents may not have to duplicate purchasing items for home and school, lost property is reduced and parents can ensure PE kits are appropriate in line with policy and the correct fit for their child.

This term children will have their PE lessons on a Friday and children should come to school dressed in their PE kits on this day starting from Friday 12th September. They will not be expected to get changed at the end of their PE lesson.

PE kits consist of:

White ankle socks

Navy shorts (NOT cycling shorts) - summer

Navy jogging bottoms - winter

Red or white t-shirt/polo shirt

A pair of plimsolls/ pumps/trainers (no football boots)

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings or jewellery for PE.

In the cooler weather children may wish to wear jogging bottoms over shorts for playtimes to stay warm and wear school jumpers over their PE tops.





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Platinum Games Award

I am delighted to inform you that we have just been awarded the Platinum School Games Award. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme. It celebrates schools' commitment to developing competitive sport within their school and community. Well done, everyone.

Individual Photographs

On Friday 19th September the children will have their individual photographs taken by a professional. Information regarding how to purchase these photos will be sent in due course. If parents would like to bring siblings who do not attend Swarland along for photographs then they can come along at 8:30am.

Wrap Around Care

Shining Stars Ltd will continue to offer wrap around care Monday to Fridays from 7:30am to 5:50pm. Enquiries should be directed to Ashleigh or Moira on 07522 155 922.

School Development Priorities

This year we will be focussing on promoting **Spelling** across the curriculum.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

A form will come out soon via Parentmail to sign up for the extra-curricular clubs offered this half term.

Fruit for snacks at playtime

The government-funded free fruit and vegetables for playtime snacks is provided for children in Reception to Year 2. If there are any leftover, this is always offered to our older children but they are also welcome to bring in a piece of fruit or veg to have at playtime if they would like.





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Leave Of Absence & School Attendance

School attendance is vitally important for children to achieve. If your child is ill please contact the school office before 9am on the day of absence. All absences must be followed up for safeguarding reasons. All leave of absence requests must be made in writing at least two weeks before the start of leave. Forms are available from the school office. Please note family holidays will not be authorised during term time and any holidays taken within term-time may be liable for Penalty Notices from the council.

School Office and messages

Please note that the School Office is not staffed after 12:30pm. If you have an urgent message then please phone (01670 787346) rather than email as emails will not be picked up until the following morning. Messages left on the school answering machine will be checked before 3:15pm.

Letter to parents from the Prime Minister

Please see the links below for a letter to parents from the Prime Minister on Best Start in Life and a link to their website:

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/09/prime-ministers-letter-to-parents-and-carers-on-best-start-in-life/?es_c=E71B1FD7C56941ADF5A4CAE4ECEB67CB&es_cl=71C9A2D5AD3C3E8AE36E2D78BB80601B&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1

<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>

Regards,

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Dates for Diary

3rd September - Children come back to school. Reception half days until 12:30pm for this week

8th September - full-time hours for Reception children

12th September - Irish Dancing Club free taster session

w/c 15th September - After school clubs start

17th September - Reception Phonics workshop for parents

19th September - Individual photographs

10th October - KS2 Money workshop

15th October - flu immunisations for the whole school

15th October - Reception Parent consultations 3:30-6pm (further information to follow soon)

16th October - Year 1 to Year 6 Parent Consultations 1-6pm (further information to follow soon)

24th October - Break-up for half term

3rd November - back to school