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Dear Parents,

Mobile Phones In School

There has been a lot of media interest in mobile phones in school recently. To clarify Swarland Primary does not allow mobile phones in school.

Our school will facilitate pupils who walk to and from school independently, to hand a mobile phone to staff at the start of the school day as this allows all pupils to feel safe on their journey to and from school, whilst removing digital distraction for the entirety of the school day. If in the event of a parent wishing for his/her child to bring a mobile phone to school to facilitate the above, the parent must put their request in writing to the Headteacher. The phone must be handed in, switched off, to the school office first thing in the morning and collected from the office by the child at home time (the phone is left at the owner's own risk).

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are keen to welcome a new parent governor onto our Governing body.

School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education. Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards. The role of the governing board is absolutely key to the effectiveness of a school. If you have any interest in this role, please see Mrs Fletcher.

School Bus Seats

We have reminded all pupils that they must sit in their allocated bus seats to and from school. Allocated seats are put in place to ensure children with additional needs are assisted, siblings can be together, younger children are supported by older children and it helps to avoid squabbles between children about who to sit beside, delaying the departure of the bus.

Lunchtime Supervisor Post

We are looking to recruit a Part Time Lunchtime Supervisor. This is an opportunity to work as part of our team supporting pupils during lunchtimes. We are looking for someone





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with excellent interpersonal skills who can communicate positively with children and respond to the needs of each individual child, developing their personal, social and emotional development. The role will include supporting children in the dining hall and leading games in the playground. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure is required for this post. For further details and an application pack, please contact Mrs Fletcher. This is a permanent part time post. Term time only for 6 hours a week. Band 1 Point 2 - £24,413 - Full time equivalent per annum pro rata £3,325.

Sponsorship Money - Great Athlete Visit & Workshop

The children really enjoyed the visit from Jonathan Paterson, a Paralympian athlete, who engaged all children in a physical fitness circuit workshop. Sponsor money for the event should be handed in no later than the end of this week please. The sponsorship money will support us in purchasing new sports and playground equipment.

Dates For Diary

Wednesday 4th February - Parent Consultations

Tuesday 10th February - Parent online safety meeting 7:30-8:30pm

Thursday 12th February - Centre For Life Trip - Y1 & 2

Friday 13th February - Children break up for half term

Monday 23rd February - Children come back to school

Wednesday 25th February - Whitehouse Farm Trip - Reception

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day - children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

