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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. It is a busy and exciting summer term with lots going on with trips, activities and transition visits.

### Swarland Woods Visit

Our school has been working with the Forestry Commission to help replant part of Swarland Woods that was severely damaged after Storm Arwen a few years ago. So far children have been taken to the woods to see the devastation and the machinery that was being used to clear the area. It is now time to replant tree saplings with the Forestry Commission. Children will walk down to Swarland Woods on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to plant trees in the woods. KS2 will go in the morning and EYFS/KS1 in the afternoon. Children will be accompanied by school staff and the Forestry Commissioners on site. All children will need their forest school kit and wellies on this day. No permission forms are required as this trip is covered by our local visits form completed when your child started school.

### Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who raised money last term for the athlete workshop. The school raised £750 worth of PE equipment which will be used in PE lessons and outdoor playtimes.

Friends Of Swarland have also raised enough money for us to purchase a climbing frame for the children. The school council asked their peers what they would like in their school and this came out on top. The installation of the climbing frame onto the school field will take place during the summer term. Thank you to everyone for their fundraising efforts.

### Mystery Readers

Thank you to all of those parents who kindly donated their time to come in and read to the children. The children have been very positive in their responses and have loved the mystery of who to expect at story time. This has helped us in our drive to ensure all children are reading for pleasure and raising the profile of reading in our school.



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### Summer Term Assessments

During the Summer Term, summative assessments do take place. Children are required to be in school for these assessments and therefore leave of absence will not be authorised during a testing period.

Year 1 phonics test will take place week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Year 2 assessments in mathematics and reading will take place at the end of May before half term.

Year 4 multiplication checks week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Year 6 SATS commencing week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May.

The results of the tests will be reported to parents along with their end of year report.

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### Dates for Diaries

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - All school to attend tree planting opportunity at Swarland Woods.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Taster cricket session with cricket coach for all year groups. Please can all children come into school in their PE kits on this day (reception will change in school).

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April - 1pm - Year 1 & 2 trip to Belford Primary for multi-skills festival

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April- KS2 classes trip to Alnwick Playhouse for 'Here Be Dragons' interactive story telling.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Y3 & Y4 residential to Ford Castle.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday - school closed

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Break up for half term.

Regards,

Louise Fletcher

