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Dear Parents,

Children's Mental Health Week

The week commencing 6th February is national Children's Mental Health Week. We are asking the children to help raise awareness of the importance of good mental health by wearing their own clothes on this non-uniform day. The charity **If U Care Share** which we will be supporting on this day suggests children wear their top inside out. The concept is that children should be sharing what is on the inside.

On Monday 6th February we will be kickstarting the week by exploring zones of regulation, discussing how to deal with worries and addressing the importance of talking about how they are feeling. We will also be discussing the importance of celebrating and sharing the positives of each day.

Forest School Kit

All children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 will be taking part in Forest School activities on the afternoon of 6th February. Although children are permitted to wear their own clothes on this day, please could you ensure that they are suitable for Forest School or they have their Forest School kit and wellies to change into on this day.

Parent Consultations

Parentmail bookings are being taken for appointments via telephone or face to face on February 6th 1-6pm.

Attendance

As a school we are committed to helping all children be the best they can be and that includes achieving good attendance. We can only do this in partnership with parents. At the end of this half term parents will receive another statement regarding their child's attendance. If you wish to discuss your child's attendance or are concerned about their attendance please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that children with less than 90% attendance are persistent absentees and the school will be reaching out to support these children and their parents in improving their attendance.





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World Book Day & Book Fair

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. During this week, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday 28th Feb, Wednesday 1st March and Thursday 2nd March. Children can purchase a book at school, or accompany parents into the hall at drop-off or pick-up time to buy a book. For those who prefer to order online, an order form leaflet will be distributed earlier in the week. You can visit our online book club and place orders at: <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/swarland-ne65/digital-book-club>

Car Parking

Could we politely request that all visitors and parents using the car park, reverse park into the bays for the safety of the children. Thank you.

Staffing

After careful thought and consideration, Mrs Hall has made the decision not to return to her Office Manager role due to ill health. We wish her the very best for the future.

Dates For Diaries

Monday 6 th February	Parent Consultations
Monday 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week - own clothes inside out
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 7 th February	KS2 trip to Theatre
Thursday 9 th February	Y4 skipping festival at Alnwick Leisure Centre
Wednesday 15 th February	KS1 Victorian Dress Up Day
Friday 17 th February	Break up for half term

Regards,

Louise Fletcher
Headteacher

