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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. There are a lot of activities taking place this half-term and it promises to be a fun-filled run up to the end of the school year.

# E-safety

It is becoming increasingly common over the past few years that children nationally are coming across more and more content online that is inappropriate or upsets them. Internet Matters has come up with support for parents. If your child comes across harmful content online or experiences harm, you can report it in different ways. Visit this link for further information

https://www.internetmatters.org/report-issue/

## Classes for next year

We will be operating 4 classes next year with the following qualified teachers: Reception – Mrs Stanley & Mrs Siswick Year 1 & 2 – Mrs Morris Year 3 & 4 – Mrs Stocks & Mrs Walker Year 5 & 6 – Mr Woods

Miss Midwood left us at the end of last half-term for pastures new and Mrs Rutherford will be helping out until the end of the school year. Teaching assistants continuing to support our children will be Miss Owen and Mrs Scott.

Due to the variation in the number of pupils in the KS2 classes of Year 5 & 6 and Year 3 & 4, we will be operating a KS2 unit as we did this year. This will involve children being registered with their class teacher and then accessing opportunities for socialising, interaction and learning in different groups. This meets the children's needs. For example, your child may have maths with their class teacher but have their grammar or spelling session with a different teacher to address their next steps.

## Sharing Learning Session

Parents are invited to join us for another Sharing learning Session on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 2:45pm. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss with your child the learning and work in their books. It is child-led although their teacher will be available.















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### **Transition Days**

As we enter the final half term of the academic year, I wanted to share with you processes that are in place to support your child with their transition. Whether your child is moving onto their next class here at Swarland, or moving on to Middle or High School, work has already begun to ensure a smooth transition. I recognise this can be exciting and anxious time for both student and parents. As a school, we want the transition to be as successful as possible so your child flourishes to reach their full potential. All class teachers at this school are liaising with each other and with teachers at your child's next school to pass on essential information. This is not only about academic achievements and abilities but encompasses learning styles, key interests and hobbies and friendship groups.

Teachers from the Middle School and High School have arranged to come here and meet the children in their current environment so they have a familiar face when they move on. Dates have been arranged for children to experience the setting of their new school either through designated transition dates, treasure hunts or other activity workshops.

All children will get to meet their new teachers and class members. Dates have been shared for transition dates for Dr Thomlinson Middle School and Duchess High School. Children staying at Swarland will have their moving-up mornings on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July. Our special educational needs co-ordinator has been liaising with feeder schools for those children with additional needs to ensure their next setting has the information they require about individual needs so the next school can put suitable provision in place, including additional visits where necessary. At our school, children will be working on how to manage change effectively as part of their curricular work.

#### **Cultural Topic**

Every summer term for the last few weeks, we deliver a themed cultural topic to the whole school. This is an opportunity to immerse children in another culture. This year we will be exploring India and inviting individuals into school to work with the children. A cultural workshop has been kindly funded by the H.S.A.

#### Leavers Disco

On Wednesday  $17^{th}$  July, all children are invited to a Leavers Disco at school between 5:00-6:30pm. There is a cost of £3 per child for entry which includes refreshments.

#### Leavers Assembly

Our Leavers Assembly will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 1:30pm. Parents are welcome to join us. Please note only KS2 children are in the assembly due to lack of space but the younger children will have had the opportunity to watch their performance earlier in the week.















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### Uniform

A reminder that new uniform can be ordered from Emblematic and delivered for free to school if you order before 15<sup>th</sup> June. Visit: <u>http://studentuniform.co.uk/scfs101</u> You can access our second-hand uniform shop here: <u>https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/swarland-primary-school</u> Please see below for a reminder of our school uniform guidelines: Red jumpers and cardigans with optional embroidered school logo Plain white or red shirt or polo shirt (Long or short Sleeved) Navy shorts or trousers (football skins are not appropriate) Navy or grey pinafores or skirts -please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows sitting comfortably on the floor. In summer, blue and white or red and white checked dresses are permitted. Navy, red or white socks or tights. Plain black shoes - no trainers, boots, fashion shoes or football trainers.

### Sports Day

We have provisionally scheduled Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July as this year's Sports Day. This is subject to change dependent on the weather - we will move it to later in that week if the forecast looks poor on the day. Parents are welcome to join us and cheer on their children. All children will take part in a carousel of activities before ending with year group track events. Please could you make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school each day for additional sports practises.

#### Workshop for parents

The workshop on 'Understanding Children's Behaviour' will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 9:15 - 10:30am in school. A number of you have already signed up, but please let us know if you would like to attend.

Regards, Louise Fletcher Headteacher















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# Dates for Diaries

| w/c Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                              | Year 4 multiplication checks                               |
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| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                                 | School class photographs                                   |
| w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June                              | Year 1 Phonics screening                                   |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday<br>12 <sup>th</sup> June   | Year 5/6 Bikeability                                       |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | 2:45pm sharing learning session                            |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Year 6 DCHS PE transition trip                             |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June                              | First new starters transition session 1:10 - 3:00pm        |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June                               | Parental workshop for 'Understanding Children's Behaviour' |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June                                 | Indian Dance and Art workshop                              |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                              | Year 3/4 Lifepath trip                                     |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                              | Second new starters transition session 1:10 - 3:00pm       |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> -<br>Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June | Year 6 London residential trip                             |











