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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you have all had a chance to have a wonderful Easter break. This summer term is jam packed with exciting trips, residentials and our traditional cultural topic ending the school year.

<u>Bank Holidays</u>

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 2nd May for the bank holiday. School closes for half term on Thursday 26th May as the additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be taken by our school on Friday 27th May.

<u>Payment Via Parentmail</u>

It has been brought to my attention that some parents may not be aware that some payment items such as the Seven Stories trip or club payments are available through the 'Shop' icon on Parentmail. If you require any assistance using the APP, please contact the school office.

Top Tips for Parents on Supporting Reading at Home

The Department For Education have asked us to share this link with parents <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read/10-top-top-top-top-top-to-encourage-c</u>

IDL Online Homework

For those children that access IDL online spelling homework, we have been informed by the company that they have experienced a data breach and all passwords and usernames need to be reset before the programme can be used. They will inform the school when this has been completed but is expected to be by May at the earliest.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

In the week commencing 23rd May, all of our children will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school by participating in a wide variety of activities – exploring the life and coronation of the Queen, craft workshops and taking part in our very own street party.

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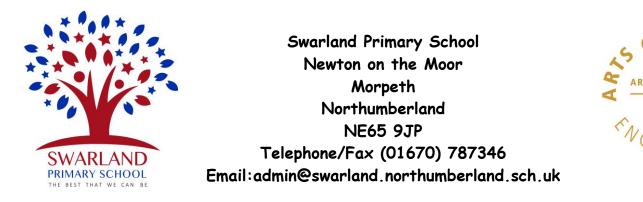












Summer Term Assessments

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 2, end of Key Stage One and Year 6 end of Key Stage Two tests take place in May. Year 1 Phonics Test and Year 4 Multiplication Tests will take place in June. The results of the test will be reported to parents along with their end of year report. If you have any queries regarding the test, please see your child's class teacher.

Punctuality & Attendance

Please could we remind parents that school begins at 8:55am. Children begin their learning at 8:55am and it is essential children are in school and ready to learn by this time. Door opens at 8:45am.

Leave of absence during term time is only granted in exceptional circumstances. Family holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances- even due to the pandemic. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

Class School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 14th June to take class photographs. Order forms and proofs will be sent to you in due course.

Sharing Learning Session

We would like to invite parents to another Sharing Learning session on Monday 27th June at 2:30pm. This is an opportunity to come into school and share the learning that has taken place so far by looking through your child's books with your child. The class teacher will be available in the room but no formal appointment times are given on this occasion. If you need to see your child's class teacher formally, please make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Dates for Diaries

Monday 2nd May - School closed for bank holiday Wednesday 4th May - Y4, 5, 6 Football Match at St. Paul's. Monday 9th May - Y6 SAT grammar, punctuation and spelling tests. Tuesday 10th May - Y6 SAT Reading test









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Wednesday 11th May - Y6 SAT mathematics - arithmetic and reasoning Thursday 12th May - Y6 SAT mathematics - reasoning. Monday 16th-18th May - Y3, 4 & 5 Residential Trip to Kingswood. Week Commencing 16th May - Year 2 SATS Thursday 26th May - School closes for half term Monday 6th June - School re-opens. Wednesday 8th June-Friday 10th June - Y6 trip to London Tuesday 14th June - Class photographs Thursday 23rd June - Meeting for New Reception Parents Monday 27th June - Sharing Learning Session

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