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Dear Parents,

The children are now settled into school life at the beginning of the new school new year. I have been very impressed with how well the children have been socialising and looking out for one another.

Plans are already underway organising end of year school trips and residential for our older children, including trips to London for our Year 6 pupils and Kingswood Adventurous Outdoor Activities for Year 3-5. The extra-curricular opportunities through clubs have been well received with almost all oversubscribed. Further choices will be available next half term.

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

On Monday 18th October parents are invited to meet or talk to their child's class teachers to discuss how they have settled in at the beginning of their year, celebrate their progress and share their next steps on their learning journey. This year a hybrid of face to face meetings or telephone appointments are being offered depending on parental preference. We would ask that children themselves are not present at the face to face meetings. Please use the online booking system for appointments via Parent Mail. You will be asked to select a time slot and indicate if you would prefer to have face to face or telephone consultation. If you have any difficulties with the booking system, please contact the school office. The appointments will take place between 1-6pm. Staff will be sticking strictly to the 10 minute appointment time slots to allow the afternoon to run smoothly between face to face and telephone appointments. Parents attending face to face meeting are respectfully requested to wear masks and follow the one way procedure signposted in the building. Thank you.

### INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Today the children will be bringing home their proof cards of their individual photographs taken in school last week. All ordering is now completed online. Please follow the instructions on how to order prints direct from the photographer, on the leaflet provided.

### HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Swarland Primary School has an active Home School Association. Before the pandemic this group got together to lead and organise a range of fund raising activities for the school. This included Movie Nights, Christmas Fairs, Bingo Nights etc. The funds raised provided activities and equipment for the children including panto trips, leavers' presents, exciting workshops for the children subsidised trips. During the pandemic, activities had to be postponed. Many members of this group have now moved on as their





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child no longer attends school. Many thanks to all of those who have provided support over the years, as part of our valued Home School Association.

We are now looking for a new Chairperson and Secretary to support the group on their next adventure. Any parent with a child in the school, is automatically part of this group. If you would like to volunteer for either role and would like further information, please see Mrs Fletcher.

### PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Now that the children have settled into school and begun their phonics lessons, we would like to invite our Reception parents to attend a virtual phonic workshop. The phonic workshop will be led by Mrs Stanley via a Google Meet invitation.

It will provide parents with an opportunity to find out about how phonics and early reading are taught in Reception Class. The workshop will cover letter formation, pronunciation of sounds, skills of blending and decoding tricky words. It will also provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions regarding phonics and early reading.

The workshop will take place on Thursday 7th October 4- 4:30pm via Google Meet. Reception Parents should have already received their invite via Parentmail. If you have any queries, please see Mrs Stanley.

### 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 are interested in this role and would like further information, please see Mrs Fletcher.

### MONIES

If you have any outstanding payments for lunches, rugby club, music tuition, milk, trip payments or residential payments, please settle the accounts with the school office before the end of half term.

### FIRST AID TRAINING





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All of the children will have the opportunity to learn practical first aid techniques and how to call the emergency services as part of their Personal Social Health Education curriculum this term.

#### DATES FOR DIARY

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Reception Phonic Workshop (virtual meeting)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parent consultations

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Y3/4 Bikeability

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Children break up for half term.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Children return to school after half term.

