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Dear Parents,

Celebrations

As we complete our first year as a full primary school I am delighted to inform you that 100% of our Year 6 children made at least the expected standard at the end of KS2 SATS in reading, writing and maths. 100% of children reached greater depth (a high score) in reading, spelling and grammar and 75% greater depth in maths and writing.

Our Year 1 phonics scores were above the national average 88% reached expected standard (national 82% 2018).

Our KS1 results were also above the national average with 92 % reaching the expected standard in reading and maths (national 76%) and 80% in writing (national 70%). Our more able children have also been challenged with 50% working at greater depth in reading (national 26%), 42% maths (national 22%) and 33% in writing (national 22%) This is an immense achievement and I am so proud of our children's efforts, the support of our parents and the excellent staffing team we have here at Swarland. We are continuing to grow from strength to strength as our school is now 30% bigger than five years ago and our next Y5/6 class grows to accommodate 16 pupils. I really do believe this year we have been "the best that we can be".

Leavers' Assembly & Disco

Parents of children who are leaving us at the end of this year have been invited to join us for a farewell parent lunch on Thursday 11th July 12pm.

Our Leavers' Disco will be taking place on Friday 12th July 6-7:30pm.

Our Leavers' Assembly will be taking place on Thursday 18th at approx 9am start - as soon as we have the children registered and ready.

Thank you, thank you, thank you

Thank you to all of those parents who have kindly donated plastic bottles for our eco-greenhouse project. The project is almost complete and we no longer require any additional bottles. Thank you for your support with this project.

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Thank you to all of those who came and supported our Sports Day and HSA BBQ event. A great time was had by all, the children worked well as a team and the weather was marvellous.

And finally, thank you to our Y5/6 parents who have supported us in providing transport for our children to and from transition events this half term. I am extremely grateful for the support, flexibility and opportunities this has provided for the children. I am very much aware that this has not been smooth sailing as there were some unseen last minute changes and plans are already in place to iron these out for next year. Thank you for your patience and support in these matters.

Reading Books

We have been reviewing our reading book scheme in the last few weeks and made some adjustments to the order of books being read, adding some new ones and removing some older texts. Therefore you may find your child brings home a book they have already had in the past. Please do not worry, just make a note of this in your child's reading record book. It may be they need to consolidate a key skill or sound from this text.

Reading books will be collected in for the summer term next Thursday to allow us to complete the review with all the books. Children are still encouraged to read over the holidays and we suggest reading a wide range of books other than their reading book texts.

Food Allergies

We have children in school with nut allergies and therefore we request parents do not pack lunches or snacks with nut products in them please to support the safety of all of our children.

Uniform

May I respectfully remind parents that dyed hair, temporary tattoos and shoes with heels are not part of our accepted school uniform policy. This is available on the school website.

Punctuality

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We have an increasing number of children who are late each morning. Children who arrive at school at 9:05am each morning are losing 50 minutes of phonic teaching per week, as phonics teaching starts at 8:55am. Please ensure your child is in school ready to learn by 8:55am.

Please be aware that the school doors open at 8:45am. Children should be accompanied by an adult until this time as we do not allow children to be left unsupervised in the yard.

E-safety

These articles may be of interest to parents regarding online safety.

Many children will be spending time gaming online over the summer holidays. This article explores the different elements of gaming with a particular focus on how it can be used by offenders, but focusing on what parents can do to support their child while gaming

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=8a726bc872-TUK JULY EMAIL CAMPAIGN 2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-8a726bc872-64866245

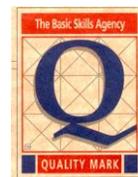
Lots of parents love sharing photos of their children with friends and family, particularly when they are on holiday or starting the new school year. A recent report found that 42% of young people reported that their parents had done this without asking their permission. Our article helps parents to protect their child while staying social.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=8a726bc872-TUK JULY EMAIL CAMPAIGN 2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-8a726bc872-64866245

Parental controls are a great tool for helping to protect children but should not replace open and honest conversations with children about their life online. Share these tips on how to use parental controls effectively.

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Dates for Diaries

Friday 12th July - Leavers' Disco 6-7:30pm

Wednesday 17th July - Y6 Transition Day Beach orienteering with local schools.

Thursday 18th July - Leavers assembly approx. 9:15am start.

Friday 19th July - Children break up for summer holidays.

School re-opens Wednesday 4th September 2019.

Regards,
Louise Fletcher

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