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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year at Swarland Primary School. May I extend a special warm welcome to our new starters and families. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are ready for the exciting Autumn Term ahead.

Each month we will send a newsletter to you containing events and information that you may require. This will be supplemented with additional items throughout the year.

### Individual Photographs

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September the children will have their individual photographs taken by a professional. If any parent wishes to have their child photographed with a sibling who does not attend school, this can be arranged for 8:15am start. Please inform the office if you wish to book this slot.

If you have more than one child in school and you would prefer a sibling photograph rather than individual, please inform the school office so this can be arranged.

#### Flu immunisation

The NHS are offering flu vaccines for all primary age children this year. Information regarding the immunisation are included as an attachment to this newsletter. Please note all consent forms are now completed online direct to the NHS not the school.

#### Wrap Around Care

From the 12<sup>th</sup> September we will be trialling offering wrap around care to see if there is a demand and financial feasibility. It will be from 8am-8:45am and 3:15pm-5:15pm. The cost will be £5 per hour or part of an hour. Places may be booked via the school office on 01670 787346. Once a place has been booked the charge will apply even if the place is not taken up on the booked slot. Parents will be invoiced at the end of each month. Places must be booked before 12pm on Friday of the preceding week to ensure staffing availability. There are limited places and they will be offered on a first come first served basis. Parents (or nominated adults) will be required to sign the child in and out of the club.

#### **Bikeability**

At the start of every school year we have offered Bikeability training for our older pupils. I am delighted to let you know that this will continue this year and be extended to other age groups too. Further information will follow.

#### School Development Priorities















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This year we will be focussing on developing and improving children's writing skills, creativity across the curriculum, promoting positive mental health and improving attendance across the school.

### Extra Curricular Clubs

A form will come out via Parentmail to sign up for the extra curricular clubs offered this half term. Trident Soccer have attached their information to this newsletter. Please note payments for this club should be sent direct to Trident Soccer.

# Leave Of Absence

All leave of absence request must be made in writing at least two weeks before the start of leave. Forms are available from the school office and website. Please note family holidays will not be authorised during term time.

# Dates For Diary

7<sup>th</sup> September - Children come back to school. Reception half days until 12:30pm for this week. 15<sup>th</sup> September - NHS germ buster workshop for KS1. 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> September - Drama workshops for all classes 21<sup>st</sup> September - Phonics meeting for new Reception parents. 28<sup>th</sup> September - Trip to Centre For Life for EYFS/ KS1 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October - Bikeability for Y5 & 6 5<sup>th</sup> October - Bikeability for Y3 & 4 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October - Bikeability for Reception and Y1 17<sup>th</sup> October - Bikeability for Year 2 20<sup>th</sup> October - Flu immunisations

 $\mathbf{21}^{\mathrm{st}}$  October - Break for half term

Regards,

Louise Fletcher Headteacher











