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Dear Parents,

### NEW VISITORS

As your child may have mentioned, we have new furry visitors in the school. The two guinea pigs are a new edition to our Swarland community. Their names are Cookie and Crumble, chosen by the children in a competition. The pets will allow children to take responsibility for looking after living things and caring for others as part of their Personal Social Health curriculum as well as supporting mental health and wellbeing.



### TIME CAPSULE

This week all children across school will be taking part in exciting activities to promote stimuli for writing. The children will be exploring our school grounds to see if they can find a time capsule that was buried many years ago by former pupils in the school. They will investigate the contents of the capsule, create reports of their findings and finally create their own contents for a new time capsule. Our children are a unique generation with special experiences children in the future will want to know about. This is a great way to make living history accessible for another generation.

### BIKEABILITY YEAR 3 & 4

Thank you to all of those who have now returned their Bikeability permission slips to say they would like their child to take part. The session will take place on the afternoon of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Children will need their bicycles and safety helmets for this day. May we also suggest that children have trainers in school and a pair of jogging trousers/ comfortable trousers for the afternoon session. Thank you.

### HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Following on from our last newsletter we are still looking for a new Chairperson and Secretary to support our Home School Association 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.





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### 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. Thank you.

### DATES FOR DIARY

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.

