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Dear Parents,

### ALNWICK FOOD BANK

Alnwick District Food Bank is able to offer food help this forthcoming half term.

If you would like to accept this offer, please send them your name, address and contact details by texting 07498488797 or e-mailing [alnwickdistrictfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:alnwickdistrictfoodbank@gmail.com). When doing so, please let them know the number and ages of children, including any of preschool age, which will help them to pack accordingly. You are welcome to contact them as soon as possible, but, please, no later than Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, as they plan to make their parcels available the following week. You will be able to collect your food parcel from the Salvation Army shop in Alnwick, but if this is not practical they will do their best to deliver to your home.

### WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, it is World Mental Health Day. The health and well-being of our children is of paramount importance to us. As part of this day we have continued to offer our mindfulness drop in sessions for children should they wish to join and participated in an assembly to provide children with strategies when they are feeling anxious. This forms part of our continuous Personal, Social & Health Education curriculum.

### SWIMMING & GAMES AT WILLOWBURN LEISURE CENTRE

After half term, all of the children from Reception to Year 6 will continue to take a coach to Willowburn Leisure Centre in Alnwick. The coach will leave promptly at 9am. Children in Year 3 & 4, will be doing gymnastics, children Y5 and Y6 will be doing volleyball and Reception Year 1 & Year 2 will be starting swimming. They will require their swimming kit - swimming costume (not bikini) or trunks, towel and optional goggles. Parents may make a voluntary donation of any nomination. The cost of tuition and transport is subsidised at £4 per child.

### BOOK FAIR

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair event in school on the week beginning 21st October. This is an ideal opportunity to buy Christmas presents, restock home libraries and ultimately promote a love of reading.

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The book fair will be available during parent consultations on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October and after school Tuesday to Wednesday that week from 3-3:30pm. Our school will receive commission on all books sold to help us re-stock our school library books.

Children in all classes will have the opportunity to bring in their money and buy books during school time on Tuesday and Wednesday, if parents are unable to attend with them after school.

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October parents are invited to meet their child's class teacher/s 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. We would prefer that children themselves are not present at these meetings. Please use the online booking system for appointments via ParentMail. If you have any difficulties, please contact the school office.

At this event, there will be an opportunity for parents of Year 4 children who have not yet decided which school they would like to go to in Year 5, to discuss their child's needs and any concerns with the Headteacher, should they wish to do so. No appointment is necessary for this.

### RELATIONSHIP & SEX EDUCATION

In September 2020, it becomes statutory that all primary and secondary age children are taught relationship and sex education. We have drafted a Relationship & Sex Education Policy which addresses the rationale and coverage of topics that will be taught at Swarland Primary School and are seeking the views of parents. If you would like to provide any feedback on the policy, there will be an opportunity to do so at the Parent Consultations.

### HOME TIME ARRANGEMENTS

If you wish to make alternative home time arrangements, please speak to the school office or telephone in advance. Please feel free to leave messages on the school answer machine.

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### PARENT LUNCHES

As our pupil numbers continue to grow we have had to make some adjustments to the way we organise our parent lunches. All parents will be invited to at least one parent lunch over the course of the year. However due to the capacity of the hall and seating arrangements, we will be offering it to year groups at a time. Our first parent lunch for Reception parents, has been rescheduled to Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 12pm. Parents of Reception age children may book a place via Parentmail.

If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to ask.

### Dates for Diaries

15 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu vaccinations for Reception & Y6
18 <sup>th</sup> October	H.S.A Halloween Bingo.
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent consultations 1-6pm & Book Fair
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Reception Parent Lunch
24 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 Basketball competition at Duchess High School.
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Children break up for half term
4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Children come back to school after half term.

Regards,  
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