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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family have had the opportunity to rest and enjoy the festivities of the season and had a great start to the new year.

#### Shining Stars Nursery & Wrap Around Care

Shining Stars Ltd will be opening their doors for nursery children on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. They are already taking bookings for funded nursery places. These can be booked by telephoning **07494558516**.

Their Wrap Around Care offer will start after the February half term. Swarland Primary School will continue to offer their wrap around care until the half term. Bookings for after half term are now been taken by calling the number **07494558516**. Breakfast Club will begin from 7:30am and after school club will be offered until 5:50pm.

#### Sharing Good News

Congratulations to Mr Woods and his wife, who welcomed their first born on Christmas Day. Baby Isaac is doing well.

#### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place this half term on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1-6pm. These appointments will be offered face to face or via telephone. The booking form will be available via Parentmail later this half term.

#### Drop In Mental Health Sessions

This half term we will be offering drop in sessions on Thursday lunchtimes for pupils that want an opportunity to discuss any issues or participate in mindfulness activities. Supporting children with their mental health is one of our main foci this year, with the School Council taking a lead in this area. The School Council decided that each class should have mindfulness activities during the week. This could include peer massage, yoga, mindfulness colouring and activities such as theraputty or listening to calm music whilst working.





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The School Council also decided that they should support people outside of school and so asked all the children to make Christmas cards and decorations which were distributed to vulnerable local residents. They have been graciously received.

### Swimming & P.E.

All children in Year 3 to Year 6 will begin swimming on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure your child has a towel and swimming kit with them on these days. Voluntary contributions towards swimming are very welcome of £5 (subsidised by school).

### Jewellery Safety

There are an increasing number of children wearing earrings for school. For health and safety reasons, earrings and other items of jewellery should not be worn in school. In P.E. lessons and swimming children will be asked to remove them. If they are unable to do this themselves, parents should remove them in the morning. Children with long hair should have it tied back for school please each day.

### Uniform Reminders

A gentle reminder regarding school uniform. Children are expected to wear navy trousers or shorts or skirts with red jumper or cardigan and white or red polo shirts. Leggings, jogging bottoms and football shorts and skins are not suitable. Sensible black shoes should be worn; not boots or trainers please. We do have a variety of pre-loved school uniform items of different sizes should they be required.

### Dates For Diaries

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Consultations 1-6pm

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - KS2 Alnwick Playhouse to see Little Manfred

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Y4 Skipping competition at Alnwick Willowburn Leisure Centre

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for half term

Regards,

Louise Fletcher

Headteacher

