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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 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September the children will have their individual photographs taken by a professional. Information regarding how to purchase these photos will be sent in due course.

### Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

Statement from Northumberland County Council:

*"Northumberland County Council would like to reassure families that our investigations have found no evidence of the presence of RAAC in our maintained schools in Northumberland. Academies are liaising directly with the Department for Education, but we have not been made aware of any instances of RAAC being present in their buildings at this time. All schools are therefore expected to be open as normal at the start of the autumn term".*

### Wrap Around Care

Shining Stars Ltd will continue to offer wrap around care Monday to Fridays from 7:30am to 5:50pm. Enquiries should be directed to Ashleigh or Moira on 07522 155 922.

### Bikeability

At the start of every school year we offer Bikeability training for our older pupils. I am delighted to let you know that this will continue this year and Y5/6 will be given the opportunity from 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> September. Further information will be sent directly to Y5/6 parents.

### School Development Priorities

This year we will be focussing on promoting pleasure in reading, parental engagement, promoting positive mental health and consistency across the school.





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### Book Exchange

This year, you may notice that there is a new addition to the school yard. We now have a book exchange point. Children are welcome to take a book from the Book Exchange to read at home or donate a book they are finished with to the exchange point for another child to share. We hope this promotes a positive reading habit with children.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

A form will come out via Parentmail to sign up for the extra-curricular clubs offered this half term.

### Leave of Absence & School Attendance

All leave of absence requests 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.

### Welcome from Chair of Governors

On behalf of all the school governors I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents and children a very successful new school year. We know that Mrs Fletcher and all the staff have great things planned for 2023 and 2024 to ensure that the children build on the success of last year. Governors are very proud to be part of this successful school team and we look forward to being with the children and meeting parents in the months ahead.

Warm regards,  
Maureen Bickerdike  
Chair of Governors

### Dates for Diary

6<sup>th</sup> September - Children come back to school. Reception half days until 12:30pm for this week  
14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September - Y5/6 Archive trips  
18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September - Bikeability for Y5 & 6  
19<sup>th</sup> October Parent consultations 1-6pm  
20<sup>th</sup> October - Home School Association Halloween Bingo  
27<sup>th</sup> October - Break-up for half term

Regards,  
Louise Fletcher  
Headteacher

