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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a chance to relax and unwind and enjoy the festivities of the season and that the start of the New Year has begun well for everyone. First for some exciting news!

Swarland is one of Northumberland's top performing schools!

Northumberland County Council have recently released a table of top performing schools in the County based on last years' Year 6 SATS results and **Swarland came in 10th out of 161 schools!** Please see the link to the article in the Northumberland Gazette below:
<https://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/education/northumberland-15-top-state-primary-schools-latest-official-performance-data-4931390?page=1>

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out, Stay safe programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out, Stay safe* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Swimming

Year 5 & 6 swimming lessons start this term each Monday from 13th January. There is a voluntary contribution of £71.50 for the term, this covers the cost of transport and tuition and is available to pay via Parentmail.



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Year 6 London Residential trip

The final instalment of £130 is now due for payment please by Friday 14th February. Further information and the finalised itinerary will be sent in due course. Thank you all for your prompt payments.

Parent Consultations

There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress and next steps throughout the week commencing Monday 10th February - more information and booking appointments will be sent through soon via Parentmail.

Upcoming trips

We have lots of exciting trips coming up this half-term. Our Reception class will be going to Alnwick Fire Station, our Year 1/2 class to Beamish, our Year 4/5/6 girls to a football tournament and the whole school to a mosque in Newcastle! More information about all of these trips will be provided soon via Parentmail so please keep an eye out for details.

Morning playground supervision

Please could we remind you that all children must be supervised on the playground in the mornings before 8:45am. Children should be accompanied onto the school yard and not dropped off in the car park or left on the yard unattended. This is a safeguarding issue and we thank you for your understanding.

Chinese New Year lunch

To celebrate Chinese New Year, Janey will be making a Chinese feast with fortune cookies on Thursday 30th January. All children are welcome to join us for this special lunch.

Regards,

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Dates For Diaries

Monday 13th January - Y5 & 6 swimming begins at Willowburn Leisure Centre

Wednesday 15th January - NSPCC assembly

Wednesday 22nd January - Reception Fire Station trip

Wednesday 29th January - Girls Football Tournament

Thursday 30th January - Chinese New Year lunch

Monday 3rd February - Whole school trip to Newcastle Mosque

Monday 10th February (week commencing) - Parent Consultations

Friday 14th February - Year 1/2 Beamish trip (TBC)

Friday 21st February - Break-up for half term

Monday 3rd March - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 4th March - back to school

