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Dear Parents,

Parent Consultations

On the week commencing 14th October, we will be holding our first Parent Consultations of the year. This provides an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss how they have settled in, progress and next steps. Appointments may be booked by using the Parent Evening Booking Form on Parentmail - these are live to book now.

Celebrations

Every Friday we have a celebration assembly. Outstanding work and effort is shared and exemplary behaviour from role model students celebrated. We also celebrate those that have demonstrated our learning behaviours of resilience, perseverance, attitude, independence, tolerance and readiness. Children also share their achievements outside of school with others, should they wish to do so - please encourage them to bring in any awards/certificates/photographs to share.

Fundraising

Rag Bag - We have a collection receptacle in our school car park. We can accept the following items: wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts. Every time the Rag Bag receptacle is emptied the school receives a donation. Low grade textiles are made into industrial wiping cloths, carpets, underlay and mattress linings. Good quality clothing is transported to Africa and other developing nations where your old clothes are re-used.

Easy Fundraising - we are a member of Easy Fundraising. It won't cost you a penny to support us and in the last few years we have raised over £1,000 for the school! Easy Fundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. The cost is covered by the brand. Please see the link below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/swarlandprimaryschool/?searchSessionId=9ae1cca7-1704-4faf-bd0e-0743e05ed475>





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Portal for school place applications

A reminder that the application portal is open for applications to Middle, Secondary and High schools in September 2025, and will close on **31st October**. Please ensure that you apply for your child's high or middle school place by this date.

The Online Admissions Portal for First and Primary school admissions will open on the 1st of November 2024 for children starting Reception in September 2025. Please see the page below for more information about how to apply: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx>

Assessments

Throughout the school year, the children will take part in a number of assessments, with the majority in the Summer Term - please see below for more details and dates:

Year 1 KS1 Phonics Screening - week commencing 9th June 2025

Taken by all children in Year 1 in England and designed to give parents and teachers information on how well a child is progressing in Phonics. It helps to identify whether a child needs additional support so they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) - 2nd - 15th June 2025

To determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in Mathematics. It also identifies children who may need more support.

Year 6 Key Stage 2 Tests (SATS) - 12th - 15th May 2025

The KS2 tests will be taken on the dates set below:

Monday 12th May - English: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling - 2 papers

Tuesday 13th May - English: Reading - 1 paper

Wednesday 14th May - Mathematics: Arithmetic and Reasoning - 2 papers

Thursday 15th May - Mathematics: Reasoning - 1 paper



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Children will be given standardised scores which will be communicated to parents.

Please see the link below if you would like more information:

<https://www.teachertoyourhome.com/uk/blog/key-stage-2-sats-a-guide-for-parents>

Regards,

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Dates for Diary

3rd October - Year 5/6 football match at Whittingham Primary School

8th October - HSA AGM @ the Cook and Barker 6:30pm

9th October - DCHS open evening 5:00 - 7:00pm

14th October (week commencing) - Parent consultations (varied times per class - please book via Parentmail)

18th October - Home School Association Halloween Bingo doors open 5:00pm

21st October - whole school Alnwick Castle trip

25th October - non-uniform day to raise funds for the HSA

25th October - Break-up for half term

31st October - deadline for secondary school applications

1st November - portal opens for Reception school places

4th November - back to school

4th November - flu immunisations - please see email to complete consent form



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