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Dear Parents,

### Y2 assessments

We would like to invite parents with a child in Year 2, to a meeting to discuss the end of Y2 assessments. These assessments will take place in May and outcomes will be reported in their end of year reports. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss national expectations and see examples of test papers and ask any questions. The meeting will take place at 3pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March in Mrs. Morris' room.

### Phonics and Reading

At Swarland Primary School we would like all children to read every day to an adult. When children come to unknown words they are encouraged to sound them out to decode them. It is crucial that children are articulating the sounds correctly. Often children will pronounce 'm' as 'muh' or 's' as 'suh'. In order to clarify how the sounds should be articulated and enable to provide further support for your child at home, please take the time to watch the short one minute video link which demonstrates the articulation of sounds.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW\\_v-1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s)

Please encourage your child to read to an adult at home each day and record their reading in their reading record books.

### Swimming

Swimming lessons have been going extremely well this term and the children are making good progress. Thank you to the parents who have already given a voluntary contribution towards swimming. For those who wish to make a contribution, it is £3.30 per session or £42.90 for the 13 sessions up to Easter. Cheques made payable to Northumberland County Council.

### Monies

Please could we remind parents that dinner money at £2 per day and disco dancing club at £12 in total are due before the end of half term.

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### Comic Relief Red Noses

Comic Relief red noses are available from the school office for £1 each. There are 10 to collect altogether.



**Dr. Nose**



**Nose-it-all**



**Snuffles**



**Sniffer**



**DJ Boogie**



**Norse Nose**



**Snootankhamun**



**Sneezecake**



**The Snorcerer**



**Frankinose**

### Kingswood Residential

The exciting residential trip is fast approaching. Children will be preparing for their trip next half term. I can confirm that Mrs Stanley (maternity cover teacher), Mrs Siswick, and Mrs Rutherford (teaching assistants) will be attending the trip. Please could all payments be made no later than 7<sup>th</sup> April. The cost of the trip is £187 and can be paid as a lump sum or as instalments.

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### Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2016 will take place on the 7th February with the theme Play your part for a better internet! Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, we will be joining in the celebration with hundreds of other organisations getting involved in helping to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

### Celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Competition

In November 2017 it will be 80 years since Swarland School was first opened. As part of our celebration we will be asking the children in the school to create a commemorative mosaic of our school logo. We would also like to invite our school community to create a mosaic design to acknowledge our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The competition is open to children, parents and our local community. We would like a bold and striking design that shows our heritage and history of the local area and the school. The winning design will be made into a mosaic and displayed in the school grounds. If you have any ideas, put them down on A4 paper and share them with us. We look forward to viewing the designs.

### Parent Consultations

A reminder that Parent Consultations will be taking place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Mrs Stanley, who will be covering Mrs Stock's maternity leave, will also be present to meet parents of the Y3/4 children.

### Congratulations to the Duchess High School, Alnwick

Our feeder high school is among the top 10 secondary schools in the North East. The Duchess's Community High School is ranked at ninth in the top state secondary schools in the region as part of the annual Sunday Times Parent Power, published in The Sunday Times. The guide, which can be found at <http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/parentpower> contains the top 2,000 state and independent schools, ranked by their latest academic results, and searchable by postcode, town, local authority and name of school. It says the percentage of Duchess's pupils gaining A\* to B at A-Level last summer was 54.6%, with 20% notched up an A\* or A at GCSE. In tenth spot is King Edward VI School in Morpeth, with 52.7% pupils gaining A\* to B at A-Level.

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### Go Smarter Parker

Schools Go Smarter and Northumberland's Parking Team have produced a film, to highlight how the parking behaviours of parents and carers impact on the safety of children at school drop off and pick up times and to inform parents and schools about the role of Northumberland's camera enforcement vehicle.

The camera enforcement vehicle is used to assist with the enforcement of illegal parking on school keep clear markings outside of our schools.

The film is now available to use to encourage considerate parking and keep our children safe, please follow the link below to view the film

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_rjsdW4khSQ&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_rjsdW4khSQ&feature=youtu.be)

### Dates For Diaries

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

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Children break up for half term.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Children return to school after half term.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - H.S.A meeting at Swarland Primary School 7pm.

Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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