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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a new term at Swarland Primary School and a special welcome to our new parents and children who are joining us for the first time. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Mr McLeod to our school team this year, he will be teaching in our Reception class. We look forward to the exciting things he has planned for our new Reception children.

Bus Arrangements

Could those children travelling to school by bus, please inform the school office if there are alternative arrangements in place to be picked up from school on any day of the week. Thank you.

Free School Meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. However if you are unemployed, receive a qualifying benefit, Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance you may be entitled to register for free school meals. This is extremely beneficial to your child and the school as those children who register and are entitled to a free school meal via the above criteria, may receive a sum of money into the school which may be used to help your child in their learning. We would urge you to register if you think you may qualify. The parent or guardian will need to complete an application and return it to the school or the Free School Meal office at County Hall. You can apply for free school meals online at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=1098#free> or telephone 01670 623592. If you require further information, please contact the school office.

Parent Questionnaire Results

Thank you to all those parents who completed the end of term questionnaire. I am delighted to report that 100% of parents would recommend the school to another parent. Some parents

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responded with constructive comments to help us improve further. As a result, we are introducing a more structured homework regime and are offering parents more opportunities throughout the year to find out how well their child is progressing and what their next steps will be.

Year 5 Parents

Our Year 5 children have the opportunity and privilege to walk home independently, should parents wish. If this arrangement is required, parents will have to provide written consent to the school that they agree for their child walking home alone. No Year 5 child will be able to take younger siblings home.

Classroom Refurbishment

Over the summer holidays one of the classrooms was refurbished for a new look for the start of term. It has been modernised with state of the art equipment installed too.



School Games Mark

Over the summer holidays we were awarded School Games Mark Bronze. The School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme which rewards schools for their commitment to the development of sports competition across their school and into the community. This academic year we will be striving for our silver award.

School Dinners

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Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 will continue to have a free school meal this year due to the Universal Infant Free School Meals continuing. For those children in Year 3, 4 and 5, lunch will be £2 per day. For those wishing to pay for the term it will be £66 for 33 lunches from 6th September to 20th October. Parents may choose to pay via ParentMail Pay section or via school office with money or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to Northumberland County Council please.

Dates For Diaries

Wednesday 20th September - Year 3,4 & 5 musical instrument tuition lessons begin with the accordion.

Friday 22nd September - Home School Association AGM at Nelson's Café Swarland 8pm.

Friday 29th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning at School.

Friday 6th October - Individual school photographs taken.

Monday 9th October - Year 5 trip to Morpeth County Hall for Local Democracy Event.

Monday 16th October - 1-6pm Parent Consultations.

Friday 20th October - Year 4 & 5 Show Racism the Red Card Workshop.

Friday 20th October - Children break up for October half term and return to school on MONDAY 30th October.

Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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