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Dear Parents,

### Supporting Your Child With Writing At Home

All parents are invited to attend a Supporting Your Child With Writing Workshop on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm. This session will be an opportunity to find out about strategies that may be helpful to them in supporting their child at home with writing. All are welcome to attend.

### Reception Phonic Workshop for Parents

Reception parents are invited to attend a phonic workshop on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. This session will cover the fundamentals of phonics and share strategies that parents can use at home to support their child with their phonic reading and writing.

### Mental Health And Well-Being

The mental health and well-being of our children is of paramount importance to us. We encourage children to talk to a safe adult if they have any concerns or worries. To further support our children, there will be optional drop in sessions available on a Monday and Thursday lunchtime for children who wish to discuss concerns or take part in mindfulness activity at lunchtimes. Mrs Brunger, our trained teaching assistant, will be leading these sessions.

### Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair event in school on the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> October. This is an ideal opportunity to buy Christmas presents, restock home libraries and ultimately promote a love of reading. The book fair will be available during parent consultations on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and after school Monday to Thursday that week. Our school will receive 25% of every paid order back in rewards to spend on free books for school.

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### Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1-6pm. Appointments can be made via Parent Mail booking system which will go live this week.

### New Equipment for the School Year

Swarland pupils have been buoyed at the start of the new term, with the delivery of a free Premier League Primary Stars equipment pack. Stocked full of items including Nike match footballs, training bibs and numbered and lettered floor markers, the Premier League equipment pack will aid our Sports Leaders delivery of active challenges during lunchtimes.

The equipment pack was awarded to pupils following a successful application for last year's Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme. The scheme is part of the Premier League Primary Stars education programme which uses the appeal of Premier League and professional football clubs to inspire children at primary schools across England and Wales the opportunity to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

### E-Safety Meeting

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend the e-safety meeting. For those who could not attend, the provider has suggested a list of websites to support parents with online safety and have been included in this newsletter.

## **Top tips for keeping your child safe online**

### **1. General advice**

[www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers](http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers)

[www.childnet.com/resources/know-it-all-for-parents](http://www.childnet.com/resources/know-it-all-for-parents)

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[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

**2. Turn on Google Safesearch**

<https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/510?hl=en>

**3. Turn on YouTube safety mode**

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/174084?hl=en>

**4. Turn on ISP Parental Controls**

e.g. [www.sky.com/new-search?q=parental%20controls](http://www.sky.com/new-search?q=parental%20controls)

and/or use OpenDNS

<https://www.opendns.com/home-internet-security>

**5. Turn on parental controls on games consoles**

e.g. <https://support.xbox.com/en-GB/xbox-360/security/xbox-live-parental-control/>

**6. Turn on browser parental controls**

e.g. <https://www.technorms.com/30739/enable-parental-control-popular-browsers>

**7. Turn on online TV and film parental controls**

e.g. [http://iplayerhelp.external.bbc.co.uk/tv/pg\\_PIN](http://iplayerhelp.external.bbc.co.uk/tv/pg_PIN)

**8. Turn on PC Operating System parental controls**

e.g. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EVNjnbrtOc>

**9. Turn on TV parental controls**

e.g. <http://help.sky.com/articles/set-up-parental-controls-on-your-tv>

**Further information**

<https://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting/tools/how-to.html#>

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## INSET DAY

Please note that Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November has been allocated as a teacher training day and therefore children will not return to school until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November after the half term.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

## Dates For Diary

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Individual photos.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Reception Phonic Workshop

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Whole School trip to Alnwick Castle

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Parent consultations.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Teacher training day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Children return to school after half term.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Supporting Your Child With Writing Workshop

Regards,

Louise Fletcher  
Headteacher

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