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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new Spring Term. I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday and time to enjoy the festivities of the season.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS & MID YEAR REPORTS

Parent Consultations will take place this term on March 30th. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher and look at your child's work. Appointments can be made via Parentmail later in the term. A mid-year report discussing your child's progress in reading, writing and mathematics will be distributed at the beginning of February.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 11th February. This is an excellent time to discuss safe use of the internet with your child. Our anti-bullying week, where we will raise awareness of how to prevent bullying, will take place week beginning 10th February.

CAREERS WEEK

As mentioned last term, as part of our school development priorities, we want to ensure our children are aspirational and have meaningful opportunities to encounter the world of work. We want to encourage our children to have a realistic view of possible career paths, broaden their horizons, increase their motivation to learn and challenge gender stereotypes. Therefore in the week beginning 20th January we will be running a careers week workshop for all children. Children will work with their teachers to explore employment options, learn about the importance and necessity of work to earn money and undertake reflection about their own strengths, skills and attributes that could be utilised in certain careers.

As part of this careers focus, we are asking if there any parents who would be willing to come into school week beginning 20th January to discuss their job with the children. We envisage a 5-10 minute presentation explaining their job title, job role, job skills needed, experiences and qualifications and route taken for that career. This may be supplemented with images and props to make the presentation as meaningful as possible. If there are any parents interested or would like further information, please see Mrs Fletcher. Thank you to those that have

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already volunteered their services. If you could let me know a convenient time and date in this week for your presentation, it would be appreciated.

SWIMMING AT WILLOWBURN LEISURE CENTRE

This term, all of the children from Reception to Year 6 will continue to take a coach to Willowburn Leisure Centre in Alnwick to go swimming. The coach will leave promptly at 9am. They will require their swimming kit - swimming costume (not bikini) or trunks, towel and optional goggles. Parents may make a voluntary donation of any nomination. The cost of tuition and transport is subsidised at £4 per child. Activities such as games and gymnastics at the leisure centre will resume in the summer term.

PARENT LUNCHESES

This term we are delighted to invite parents of children in Year 1 & 2 to join us for Lunch on Wednesday 22nd January. Due to increased numbers and capacity within the hall, places will be limited. Therefore a place may be booked via Parentmail on a first come first served basis. There will be other opportunities in the year to join us for parent lunches.

Dates For Diaries

Monday 6th January 2020- Children come back to school.
Week commencing 20th January - Careers week
Wednesday 22nd January - Parent lunch for children in Year 1 & 2
Week commencing 3rd February - Mid-year reports distributed.
Week commencing 10th February - Anti-bullying week.
11th February - Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February - Children break up for half term.
Monday 24th February - Children come back to school.

Regards,

Mrs Louise Fletcher

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