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Dear Parents,

### Poppy Appeal

Poppies are now available in the school office for those wishing to donate money towards the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This year friendship bracelets, slap rulers, wristbands, reflectors and LED torches are available at suggested donation prices of 50p to £1.

### Admissions

Parents can apply for a place for their child starting in September 2018 from today until 15th January 2018 using the admissions portal which can be found on the admissions webpage <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx?nccredirect=1>

### Parent Mail

Thank you to all parents who completed the Parent Mail questionnaire during our parent consultations. I am pleased to inform you that the responses were overwhelmingly positive and the vast majority found the system easy to use, effective and convenient. For this reason, this method of communication will continue. More than one parent can register for Parent Mail. If you would like to register another member of your family to use Parent Mail but have not been able to, please contact Mrs Hall in the school office who will be happy to assist you in this matter.

### Thank you

Thank you very much to everyone who got involved in and supported us with our Macmillan Coffee Morning. A special thank you to the Co-op in Alnwick who also came along to support us and donate cakes. After the super efforts of our children baking all week, a grand total of £440 was raised. Well done and thank you.

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### School Dinners

This half term, as the winter approaches our school dinner menu will offer jacket potatoes for each lunch alongside our usual menu. For those with larger appetites, second helpings will also be available. For the seventh year running, school dinners will remain at £2 per day for children in Year 3,4, and 5. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school lunch. Wednesdays will remain as a roast dinner and Fridays will be chip day, firm favourites with the children. If you would like your child to have a school dinner, please contact the school office. They may even want to have a school dinner on just one or two set days a week which is also possible.

### Bus Arrangements

Could parents who change the travel arrangements for their child travelling on the school bus at home time, please inform the school office of changes at the start of the day. Thank you.

### Physical Education

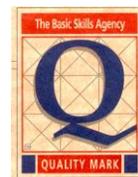
Now that the weather is getting cooler, please could all children bring in track suit bottoms for PE lessons please. They should be navy or black wherever possible. Children bringing in water bottles should have them filled before leaving home please.

### Professor Brainstorm

Professor Brainstorm came to work with our children to put on a science show. He dazzled them with scientific experiments which captured their imagination and curiosity. Did you know it was

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possible to hammer a nail with a banana, balance water upside down in a glass or shatter a flower?  
Ask your child to explain these strange phenomena.



### Punctuality and Attendance

Please may I remind parents that school and lessons begin at 8:55am. We are seeing increasing numbers of children arriving at school after this time. It is very important that children are in at the start of the day with their peers to establish routines and set out the expectations of the day. Children should be in school and ready to start their learning at 8:55am. Doors open at 8:45am to allow children time to organise their belongings before lessons begin. Five minutes late each day is 25 minutes of lost learning each week.

At Swarland Primary School our attendance records have historically been above the national average. However, Governors are noticing an upward trend in the number of children taking leave of absence during term time both authorised and unauthorised. Parents must be made aware that persistent absence is measured as 10% of school sessions missing. In these instances the educational welfare officer and school will follow the Local Authority's procedures to protect the children's education and secure a successful outcome. Your help and support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

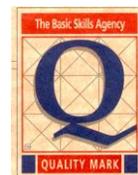
### E-Safety Article

Below is a link to the Digital Parenting magazine latest release for those that are interested. In this issue it discusses how building resilience will help your child stay safe and be happy online.

<http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/digital-parenting-issue-6.pdf>

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### Dates For Diaries

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Children's Bonfire Lunch

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - KS2 dance workshop with Mrs Stewart.

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-bullying Week

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - World Philosophy Day

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Nasal flu vaccines Reception to Year 4

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November - H.S.A. Christmas Fair

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - 4:30pm School open for community for past pupils to look around school.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Celebration Birthday Lunch for School's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - H.S.A Edinburgh trip

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - 1pm Christmas Performance

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 9:30am Christmas Performance

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - 2pm School trip to Newcastle Theatre Royal for Peter Pan Performance

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas Party

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Regards,

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