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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school for the Summer Term. I hope you have all enjoyed the Spring break and feel refreshed and ready to start the new term with gusto.

School Logo Competition

At the end of last term our new school logo competition was launched to design a bold and eye-catching logo that represented our school for when we become Swarland Primary School. The deadline for the competition is this Friday 15th April, so you still have time to get in your entries if you have not already done so.

Managing Your Child's Screen Use

New research published by Action For Children has found that almost one in four mothers and fathers struggle to control their children's screen use. Some parents have also informed us that they find this difficult and asked for advice. To ensure young people have a healthy relationship with technology it is important that a balance is maintained. Childnet have suggested putting in place a family agreement is a great way to help this. A family agreement allows parents to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and gives you a chance to discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friend's house. To support parents in creating a family agreement a template has been attached to this letter from Childnet and advice from the NSPCC. Further advice is available from www.childnet.com/blog/family-agreement

Monies

There is a growing amount of money coming into school in unnamed envelopes, without a description of what it is intended for. Please can you ensure all monies coming into school are in a named envelope with a brief description of what it is intended for.

Summer Term Assessments

During the Summer Term, summative assessments do take place. Children are required to be in school for these assessments and therefore leave of absence will not be authorised during a testing period.

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Year 1 phonics test will take place week beginning 13th June. Year 2 spelling, grammar and punctuation test will take place between 11th-22nd April with the mathematics and reading tests taking place in May. Summative assessments for Years 3 & 4 will take place in May. The results of the test will be reported to parents along with their end of year report.

Class School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 19th May to take class photographs. Order forms and proofs will be sent to you in due course.

Warmest regards,

Louise Fletcher

Dates For Diaries

Monday 18th April - Year 3 & 4 playing tennis at Swarland Tennis Courts each Monday

4th, 5th & 6th May - Residential to Ford Castle for Years 3 & 4

Thursday 19th May - Class photographs

Friday 27th May - Break up for half term.

Monday 6th June - Children come back to school.

Tuesday 7th June - H.S.A. Meeting at Longframlington Village Inn at 7pm.

Monday 20th June - Sports day 1pm start - weather permitting.

Tuesday 21st & 22nd June Year 3 at the Alnwick Playhouse for dance performance.

Thursday 23rd June - Year 3 & 4 trip to Lifepath at Brinkburn Priory.

Tuesday 28th June - Year 3 & 4 perform at Alnwick Gardens for music festival.

Thursday 30th June - Reception, Year 1 & 2 perform singing at The Sage.

Thursday 30th June - Year 4 transition to Dr Thomlinson Middle School.

Friday 1st July - Year 4 transition to Dr Thomlinson Middle School.

Friday 1st July - Whole school sand sculpture workshop at Sandhaven, South Shields.

Thursday 7th July - End of year reports given out.

Friday 15th July - Leaver's disco at 6-7:30pm.

Monday 18th July - Leaver's Assembly 1pm.

Tuesday 19th July - Children break up for summer.

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