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4<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents,

### Parent Consultations

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October parents are invited to meet their child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled in at the beginning of their year, celebrate their progress and share their next steps in their learning journey. We would prefer that children themselves are not present at these meetings.

### Attendance

There is a dramatic increase in the number of parents taking children out of school during term time. Many of these are unauthorised absences. Please be aware that any planned leave of absence during term time needs to be requested at least two weeks in advance by completing the Leave Of Absence form available outside of the school office. Leave can only be authorised for exceptional circumstances. Please note family holidays are not classified as exceptional circumstance. Persistent absenteeism is regarded as less than 95% attendance. You should be aware that failure to secure your child's regular attendance at school can amount to offence contrary to S444 (1) of the Education Act 1996. In accordance with current guidance, unauthorised is capable of triggering a referral to the Local Authority Education Welfare Team for a Fixed Penalty Notice.

### Staffing

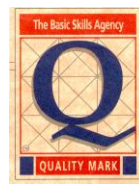
We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Stocks is expecting her first baby in the Spring Term. We will inform you nearer the time when arrangements have been made for maternity cover.

### Lost Property

Our lost property box is already beginning to fill up. Please could you name all of your child's uniform items so they can be returned to your child if they are mislaid. Thank you.

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### Pokemon GO

As part of our safeguarding and e-safety updates for parents I have enclosed a parent's guide to Pokemon GO which seems to be the latest global craze in gaming. This guide from Northumberland Grid For Learning highlights the benefits and risks of the game.

### H.S.A.Halloween Bingo

The H.S.A. Halloween Bingo event will take place on Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:30pm, eyes down at 6pm. Hot dogs and refreshments will be available on the evening. Children and parents can come dressed up in their favourite Halloween costumes. There will be prizes for the winners. Please may we request chocolate treat donations before the event. These can be placed in the donation box in the school entrance. Thank you.

### Dates For Diaries

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Parent harvest lunch

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - 1-6pm Parent Consultations.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Reception hearing checks.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - H.S.A Halloween Bingo 5:30pm doors open.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - School nurse visits Y1-Y3 for flu vaccination (consent slips to follow)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Children break up for October half term and return to school on TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER.

Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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