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Dear Parents/Carers,

4<sup>th</sup> July 2016

#### Year 3 Performance at Alnwick Playhouse

Our Year 3 children took part in a dance and drama performance at Alnwick Playhouse on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June with other children from local schools. We are extremely proud of their achievements and conduct. They worked hard in preparation for the big day, rehearsing songs and dance routines. The children performed magnificently to a rapturous applause which was well deserved. Well done Year 3!

#### Year 3 & 4 Musical Performance at Alnwick Gardens

Our budding Year 3 & 4 musicians played their chalumeau beautifully and sang with gusto at Alnwick Gardens on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Other local schools from the area also took part and watched their performance. Well done Year 3 & 4 for a super end of year performance.

#### Sharing Learning afternoon

A reminder to all, that parents are invited to attend a Sharing Learning Session on 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm. It will be an opportunity for children to celebrate their achievements and learning at the end of the year by sharing their books with you.

#### School Uniform

At last our school uniforms with the new primary school logo are now available to purchase. An order form is attached to the letter should you wish to order via the school office, alternatively you can order online and the website address can be found at the top of the order form or via the link <http://studentuniform.co.uk/scfs101>. Although we move to a primary school in September, we are still happy to have a gradual phase in of the new uniform. Therefore any parent wishing to continue to use the first school uniform may do so to save on cost. Please note that only the logo has changed and our colours remain the same.

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### Parent Questionnaire

At the end of an academic year we like to seek the opinions of parents about the school. One of the ways we do this is by parent questionnaire. To this end we have attached a questionnaire with the newsletter and would appreciate it if you could complete it as soon as possible and return it to school. I am aware that many parents have completed Parent View online and although we as a school can view the results, we do not get to see individual comments that parents may have added.

### Sainsbury's Active Vouchers

Thank you to all of those who have been kindly donating their Sainsbury's Active Vouchers to the school. We are aiming to use them on playground equipment and sports equipment. The children have chosen a basketball ring and balls this year which should arrive by October.

### Reminders

We would like to remind parents that all outstanding payments for clubs, lunches and voluntary contributions for trips should be settled before the end of term.

### Leavers' Assembly

Everyone is invited to come along to our leavers' assembly on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Leavers' Disco

The H.S.A. will be organising a Leavers' Disco for all of our children on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 6-7:30pm. The cost will be £2 per child and this also includes refreshments and snacks.

### Celebration Lunch

Celebration food is being provided by the school kitchen as part of our lunch service on the last day of term for all those who have a school lunch. Any child who would normally bring a packed lunch in may wish to have a school celebration end of term lunch on this day. If your child is in Y3 & 4 and has a packed lunch but would like to have a party lunch, could you please send £2 to school in an envelope stating your child's name and celebration lunch money.

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### Parent Governor

We are keen to welcome a new parent governor onto our Governing body. This is an exciting opportunity to find out how school runs in all its detail and how Government directives and initiatives are developed in school. We feel that Parent Governors are essential on our Governing Body as they provide the natural channels for Parents to talk directly to Governors, to discuss the curriculum, financing and any issues arising. We value our Parent Governors highly and are really excited that we have a vacancy available.

Parent Governors must be elected by the parents of pupils at the school and must themselves have children at the school. The normal period of office is four years. A Parent Governor is not obliged to resign from office if his/her child leaves the school and may remain on the Governing Body until his/her period of office expires. This is a significant commitment as Governors are expected to volunteer their time to attend meetings, carry out monitoring activities as well as undertake training. A good level of attendance is essential to carry out their legal responsibilities.

I will be available to advise any parent who is interested in the possibility of standing for election, on the style and work of the Governing Body and meeting times. If more nominations are received than are required to fill the vacancy, prospective candidates will be given the opportunity of providing me with a brief election address, which I will arrange to have circulated with the ballot papers. Any parent who wishes to stand for election should return the nomination form attached, duly completed, no later than **8<sup>th</sup> July 2016**.

May I remind you that children break up for the summer holidays on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm** and start back at school on **WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016**. On behalf of the staff and myself, may we wish you a happy summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the next academic year.

Warmest Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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