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Dear Parents,

### Changes to Catchment in year 5 & 6

The local authority has decided to extend the Swarland catchment area to cover Years 5 and 6 in the Longframlington area, with immediate effect. The Admissions Team will be writing to those parents in the Longframlington section of the catchment who have applied for places in Year 5 at Dr Thomlinson's this September to inform them that Swarland Primary has also been allocated as their catchment school in Years 5 and 6 and they have equal rights to transport to either Dr Thomlinson's (then KEVI) or to Swarland (and then The Duchess High School). The change will also be advertised on the Council's website on the Admissions section and the relevant documents updated. This change does not extend the right of pupils in the remainder of the Swarland catchment (everything outside of the Longframlington section) to transport to Dr Thomlinson's. If any parent wishes to discuss how this may affect them and their decisions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### World Book Day

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March the school will be taking part in World Book Day. Children may come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. The children will be participating in exciting activities to promote pleasure in reading. Each child will receive a £1 book token to use towards a range of exciting books.

### Y2 assessments parent meeting

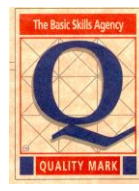
We would like to invite parents with a child in Year 2, to a meeting to discuss the end of Y2 assessments. These assessments will take place in May and outcomes will be reported in their end of year reports. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss national expectations and see examples of test papers and ask any questions. The meeting will take place at 3pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March in Mrs. Morris' room.

### Reception parent meeting

We would like to invite parents with a child in Reception, to a meeting to discuss effective strategies of supporting your child at home. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions and find out ways of supporting your child through transition from Reception to Year 1. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in Miss Blair's room.

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### Easter Celebrations

Parents are invited to attend our Easter Assembly at 9am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. We are inviting all children to make an Easter Bonnet and a decorated egg at home for a competition which will be judged on the day for an Easter prize. The children can be as creative as they like with their bonnets and eggs. The prizes will be given to those children who have made an extra special effort in their own work. In school children will be decorating eggs for their traditional Easter Egg Roll competition on the last day of Spring Term.

### Swimming

Swimming will continue this half term each Tuesday until Easter. Voluntary donations of £3.30 per week would be greatly appreciated.

### Parent Lunch

Parents and carers are invited to join us for an Easter lunch on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Please inform the school office if you would like to attend. Separate letter with reply slip to follow.

### H.S.A Easter Bingo

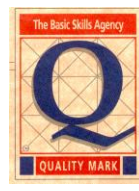
On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 5pm the H.S.A. will be running their Easter Bingo event for families. This event is always well attended and packed full of family fun. We ask that parents donate Easter Eggs for this event as prizes for the children. There will be a donation box placed in the school entrance for this purpose. Refreshments and chilli will be available on the evening.

### Refurbishment

As we prepare for our first intake of Year 5 children next year as a primary school, a number of preparations have been taking place. We have an exciting curriculum planned for every year up to year 6, with many inter-school sports competitions and events planned. Parent Mail, a new electronic way of communicating with parents will be launched and new children leadership roles of school ambassadors will be filled. The toilets have been refurbished over half term and a new flat roof put over the building and the old wooden window frames replaced. Over the Easter holidays, the kitchen roof will be replaced and the whole exterior of the school given a new lick of paint. Watch this space for exciting changes coming soon to our new KS2 refurbished classroom.

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#### Dates For Diaries

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - H.S.A meeting at Swarland Primary School 7pm.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 1 & 2 trip to Craggside House and Gardens.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March - NHS check for reception on heights and weights.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Y3/4, 6-a-side football competition at Hipsburn 3:30pm

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Y3/4 drug awareness and roles of a scientist trip with other local schools to Arcinova, Alnwick.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Last whole school swimming session for this year.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Children break up for Easter.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school.

Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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