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1st October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing

We welcome two new members to our team this term. Peter Dobson is our new caretaker and Jacqui Parry is our new lunchtime supervisor. They have already been made to feel very welcome by the children.

Parking

It has been brought to my attention that there are a number of parents parking on the double yellow lines outside of the school. This is a no parking area to keep our children safe. Please refrain from parking in this area for the benefit of our children. If you are parking in the school car park may I gently remind you to reverse park for the safety of our children. Thank you.

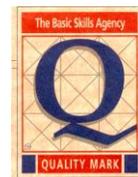
British Sausage Week

To help celebrate British Sausage Week 2-8th November Green & Sons Butchers in Longframlington are inviting pupils of Swarland First School to invent a new sausage flavour and name, which they will showcase in their shop. They are looking for a speciality sausage flavour which represents the area. The chosen sausage will then be served at our school for lunch. The winner will receive a £20 voucher to spend at Green & Son and a cuddly toy. The entry form is attached and should be returned to school no later than Friday 23rd October.

Bright Smiles, Bright Futures

Colgate and the British Dental Association are partnering to raise awareness of the importance of oral health in children. During this month every pupil will receive a toothpaste sample, toothbrush and educational family leaflet including tips and brushing chart. Children will be taking part in assemblies to raise awareness of good oral hygiene.

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H.S.A Fund Raising

May I give a big thank you to the Home School Association for your fantastic support. Through a range of well attended events you were kindly able to purchase trikes for our children in Early Years and provide games, jigsaws and resources for each class in school. This was in addition to funding an excellent opportunity for all children to work with a professional who used to work with Jim Henson who makes puppets with children and provides a puppet show. Thank you very much!

Assessment Arrangements for pupils in Year 2

Following the new curriculum which was introduced in September 2014 a new set of assessment arrangements and tests have been put in place by the Department For Education for May 2016. A new set of KS1 national curriculum tests replaces the previous tests and tasks. The new tests consist of:

- English reading Paper 1: combined reading prompt and answer booklet
- English reading Paper 2: reading booklet and reading answer booklet
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: spelling
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: questions
- mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
- mathematics Paper 2: reasoning

Year 2 parents are invited to a meeting to discuss these changes and see examples of what will be the expected standard required. This will be held at school on Wednesday November 4th at 3pm.

Dates for Diaries

5th October - Reception Class Vision Screening Check

15th October - Reception Class Hearing Screening Check

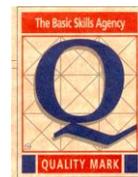
16th October - H.S.A. Halloween Bingo

12th October - Parent Consultations 1pm-6pm

21st October - Whole school trip to Woodhorn Museum to see the Weeping Window Poppies

23rd October - Children break up for half term.

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- 2nd November - Children come back to school after half term.
- 3rd November - H.S.A. meeting at the Village Inn Longframlington 7:30pm
- 5th November - Bonfire Lunch for children.
- 6th November - Start of golfing lessons for Y1&2 at Swarland Golf Club each Friday.
- 13th November - Non-uniform day in exchange for donations for the Christmas fair.
- 16th November - Start of Anti-Bullying Week
- 28th November - H.S.A. Christmas Fair at Longframlington Village Hall
- 4th December - NSPCC Charity Fund Raiser Bobble Hat Day
- 5th December - H.S.A. Trip to Edinburgh
- 14th December - Children's Christmas Performance at school 1pm
- 15th December - Children's Christmas Performance 9:30am at school
- 15th December - Children's panto at school in the afternoon
- 16th December - Christmas Lunch
- 17th December - Whole School trip to Winter Wonderland at Whitehouse Farm.
- 18th December - Christmas Party

Warmest Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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