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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas Performances

This year the children will be performing a production of 'Bethlehem Bake Off' for our Christmas play. We are delighted to invite families into school to watch the show however, we cannot accommodate everyone in the hall at once. Therefore, we have decided to put on two performances - one on Wednesday 13th December at 1:30pm for all families who have children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. The second will be on Thursday 14th December at 9:30am for our families who have children in Years 3 to Year 6.

Both performances will be identical with all age groups performing in both. If you have children in both key stage 1 and 2 please could you only attend one performance so that the hall does not get too overcrowded and everyone has the chance to see their child perform.

We must also ask that only two people attend the performance per family please. I hope you understand that we are simply trying to ensure that all families get a chance to attend working with the small space that we have. Thank you for your co-operation.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for the children will take place on Thursday 14th December. The cost will be £2.20 for any child in Y3/4/5/6 who wishes to join us. Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 will receive the dinner free of charge due to the Universal Free School Meals scheme. Children may still bring a packed lunch on this day if they wish to do so.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be on Friday 22nd December. The school lunch will be party food on this day. This will cost £2.20 per child if they are in Y3/4/5/6 and wish to take part. Children in Reception to Year 2 have free school meals as part of the Government scheme. Children should come to school already dressed in their warm party clothes and with their outdoor footwear. No heels or sandals please.





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Christmas Panto

All the children will have the delightful opportunity to watch a Panto performance of *Snow White* at the Alnwick Playhouse on the afternoon of Thursday 21st December. This has been kindly funded by the Swarland Home School Association.

Christmas Fayre

The school Christmas Fayre will take place this Saturday 2nd December 10-12pm at Longframlington Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome with fun activities and refreshments for all the family. Please help us to raise money for our School!

Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Dash

We are holding our Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December. Children may come to school in a Christmas jumper if they wish to do so. During this day the whole school will be taking part in a run together to promote physical activity and fun whilst wearing our Christmas jumpers! This is just for fun and we won't be collecting donations.

Outstanding payments

All outstanding balances for the Autumn Term for dinner, milk, clubs and trips must be settled before the end of term please. If you need to know how much you owe, please contact the school office.

Swimming

Swimming will commence in the Spring Term beginning each Monday from 8th January (first day back!) for the pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 only. Swimming will take place on Monday afternoons at the Willowburn Leisure Centre. Please may we request voluntary contributions of £6.50 per session to cover the cost of the lesson and the coach travel. This amount has been subsidised by the school. There will be a swimming consent form and online payment option via ParentMail to complete before the end of term. Thank you.

Milk

For those children who would like to have milk in the Spring Term (January to April) it will cost £14.00 for the term. Please indicate on the forthcoming Parentmail form if you wish to pay for milk. The order will be placed before the end of term for all of those who



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have paid. No changes can be made after this date. A Parent Pay online option will be available in the next few days.

Parent Workshops

We will be running two mental health workshops in school next year on the 18th January and 15th February. These will be run as part of the Be You Mental Health & Wellbeing programme for Trailblazer schools. Each is a 2-hour session and will explore looking after your own and your child's mental health & wellbeing. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place.

Facebook

If you have still not joined our school Facebook page and wish to do so, please contact the school office and we will send a link to join the private group.

Kitchen Unit Manager Required

After many years, Jackie our school cook is moving on to pastures new. On behalf of all the staff we would like to thank her for her years of service and commitment, not only cooking lunches and providing refreshments at events but offering extra-curricular clubs too in cookery and line dancing!

We are now looking to recruit a new kitchen unit manager. If you know of anybody who may be interested, please share this link. Thank you.

https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Kitchen_Unit_Manager_Swarland_Primary_School_Morpeth/254593

New Year Opening Dates

Children will be returning to school after the Christmas holidays on Monday 8th January 2024.

Warmest Regards,

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Festive Dates for Diaries

Saturday 2nd December Christmas Fair 10-12pm Longfram Hall

Thursday 7th December Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 13th December Christmas performance at 1:30pm
(Rec/KS1)

Thursday 14th December Christmas performance at 9:30am (KS2
Y3-6)

Thursday 14th December Christmas Lunch

Thursday 21st December Christmas Panto visit

Friday 22nd December Christmas Party

Friday 22nd December Children break up for Christmas

Monday 8th January Children return to school
2024

