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Dear Parents/Carers,

29th February 2016

Anti Bullying Award

The school, led by our School Council, has achieved the Anti-Bullying Award for a second time. Congratulations to everyone in our school community for making this possible. It acknowledges the effective anti-bullying strategies that are in place and demonstrates to others that the safety of our children is taken seriously and bullying is not tolerated. It shows we have a positive, progressive, inclusive ethos, where everyone in the school community knows that bullying is not accepted or tolerated. Children can come to school without the fear of being bullied and parents can feel confident that, should bullying happen, they know who to approach and can be reassured that it is dealt with efficiently and effectively.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on Monday 29th February. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss your child's progress and next steps. Please complete your appointment preference time on the letter sent out before half term. Thank you.

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd 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. On 14th March we will be inviting the author Stuart Reed into our school to work and read with the children. Attached to this letter is also a scholastic booklet with books available to purchase. If there is a book you would like to order, please complete the order form and return it to school in a named envelope with the correct payment. Cheques should be made payable to Northumberland County Council. Alternatively you can shop online at <u>www.scholastic.co.uk/shop</u>

Year 3 & 4 residential meeting for parents.







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All Year 3 & 4 parents are invited to a meeting in school at 6pm Wednesday 23rd March to discuss the upcoming residential trip to Ford Castle. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and watch a DVD showing the various activities. Year 3 & 4 children are invited to come too as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

Supporting Your Child At Home

On the Friday we broke up for half term, the children enjoyed a grammar and punctuation show to promote effective use of punctuation and correct use of grammar. To support your child at home with punctuation and grammar, the show organisers have provided a parent guide to grammar which can be downloaded from our school website at

http://www.swarland.northumberland.sch.uk/website/supporting_your_child_at_home/108240

Easter Celebrations

Parents are invited to attend our Easter Assembly at 9am on Thursday 24th March. 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. After the Easter assembly parents will be able to purchase refreshments and view the children's Easter craft entries at our Egghibition.

Easter activities with Felton First School

As part of these Easter celebrations our Y2, Y3 and Y4 children have a fantastic opportunity to work with the children of Felton First School on Monday 21st March to take part in outdoor Easter activities at their school and Felton's local church, St Michael's. The children will experience the Christian Easter story through a range of activities and finish the day with refreshments and hot cross buns.

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Parent Lunch

Parents and carers are invited to join us for an Easter lunch on Wednesday 23rd March. Please inform the school office if you would like to attend.

H.S.A Easter Bingo

On Thursday 24th 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.

Warmest Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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