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Dear Parents/Carers

It is at this time of year that we always sit down and think, 'where did it go?' but this year in particular, really, where did it go? We are astounded at the speed at which years seem to pass.

It certainly has been another fantastic year for us all here in Swanland School. Achievements across the board, in all areas, have been made and this is testament to all of the hard work and effort that, as a collective, we all put in. As we reflect on the year that has just been, we continue to feel immense pride for all who are connected with the school family. We still both feel very lucky to come to school, our place of work, and be surrounded by polite, articulate, funny and creative young people, it really is an absolute pleasure and we thank you for choosing our school.

When we wrote to you last year, we shared with you, our thoughts about the way in which our children are 'measured'. Whilst we know that this has to happen, we would like to reiterate that we value and place so much more importance on the 'level' which we report to you at the end of the year. Again, we can celebrate that each and every one of your children have entertained us as part of their year group productions or musical performance and a huge number of children have taken part in sporting activities across the year. It would be remiss of us to not take this chance to mention in particular the following teams: football, rounders, Quad Kids, netball, hockey, Haltemprice Sports, cross country, cricket, dance, orienteering, indoor athletics, trampolining, benchball and dodgeball. I think, for as long anyone connected with the school can remember, this is our best year to date for sporting achievements, a huge congratulations to all involved and a big thank you to all of you for supporting our children.

Your children met with their new teachers yesterday. They were very excited to meet them and to find out a little bit more about their next year. As always, should you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact us. You will also be invited in to school to a 'meet and greet' session, during the first two to three weeks in September; we look forward to seeing you then.

As is fairly common place every year now, there are a small number of staffing changes taking place, which we are pleased to share with you.

We are very pleased to announce the return of Miss Evans from Dunswell Academy who will be joining the Year 2 team, working alongside Mrs Palmer. As many of you will know already, Miss Evans is Swanland Education Trust's (SET's) SENDCo and, as such, this means that she needs dedicated leadership time to work with the schools in our Trust. Therefore, we are also pleased to announce that Mrs Cooper will be working with Miss Evans' class on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoon.

As a consequence, Miss Regan will be leaving Swanland Primary School to work at Dunswell Academy. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all that Miss Regan has done for our school. We would also like to wish her lots of luck as she moves in to her new role at Dunswell.

Additionally, I am sure that you will join us in also congratulating Miss Regan who over the summer will become Mrs Noble. We hope that her wedding day is very special.

We are also pleased to say that Mrs Carney is now a permanent member of the Swanland School Family. She will be joining Mrs Russell in Year 4 from September and we know that she is very much looking forward to this new opportunity to work with your children.

The Year 5 team remain the same, however there is a slight change to their work patterns. Mrs McCallum will be working full time in one of the Year 5 classes and Mrs Dodds (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) and Mrs Cooper (Wednesday and Thursday) will work in the other class. As you can see this provides great continuity for your children as the team are very well established and are looking forward to their new working arrangement.

We are sadly saying goodbye to some members of staff this year. Michelle Taylor, Pam Ryalls, Sally Forsyth, Laura Rawlinson and Adele Brown have all worked with us this year as Teaching Assistants. Many of these ladies are going on to work in other schools as teaching assistants and we wish them all the best. Gemma Wilks and Helen Smart have worked over lunchtimes and we wish them both the best of luck in the future. We would like to say a massive thank you to all these ladies for the fantastic work and support they have provided this year.

Once again, we would like to invite you to join us and the children this afternoon, to say goodbye to our Year 6 children and wish them well for their future lives at high school. We shall be gathering on the KS2 playground (weather permitting!) at around 3:20pm to wish them well and allow parents to take photographs of the whole year group and small groups. We would love to see you there.

Finally, all that is left for us to say is a huge thank you to all our colleagues. Each and every one of them make sure that on a daily basis yourselves and your children are provided with the very best experiences, care and support that we can provide. As always, the wonderful office staff who deal with your requests and provide the children with care and attention in time of need, to all those who work with your children over the lunchtime period, ensuring they receive delicious meals and are looked after on the playground and to our facilities staff, most especially Mr Collinson, who keeps us looking smart and tidy. I know that you will join us in thanking them for all they do.

We really do hope that you will have a fantastic, well-deserved rest over the summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming you and the children back on 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8.50 am.

Thank you for your continued support, now and into the future.

Yours sincerely



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