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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

What a year 2020 has been! Autumn Term 2020 has been like no other! We wanted to pass on our huge thanks for all the support that you have shown us this term in these very strange and difficult circumstances. The children have been absolutely fantastic; they have adjusted seamlessly into the new regimes and routines and, without a doubt, are so pleased to be back in school and learning.



I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff for their hard work and efforts this term. They really have gone above and beyond in their attempt to make the term as 'normal' and enjoyable as before. Being unable to mix bubbles has caused a great many challenges, but every single member of staff has risen to the challenge and learnt new skills, which we will most certainly be able to use in the future.

We hope you will join us in saying goodbye and all the best to Mrs Yu, who is leaving her role as Speech and Language Assistant. Mrs Yu has been involved with Swanland School for almost 20 years in various capacities and will have worked with thousands of children over the years. We want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Yu for all her hard work and commitment to the school over the years and wish her all the very best for the future. She assures us she will be back as a volunteer so we will be seeing her again!

Finally, I join the East Riding of Yorkshire Council team in urging everyone to keep safe over the Christmas holidays. Locally and nationally, the October half-term break caused a huge surge in cases. This year the Council is encouraging everyone to agree a Christmas Household Plan as restrictions are eased. Please do visit <https://covid19.eastriding.gov.uk/christmas/> to create your own Christmas household plan and we look forward to seeing all our children back in school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Please accept our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.



Supporting our East Riding Families in Times of Hardship

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council is aware that many families are struggling financially. The last year has been extremely hard and those families, who perhaps have not previously faced financial hardship, are now struggling to make ends meet as a result of Furlough, unemployment or other issues and are worrying about how to keep warm and fed over the coming months.

The Council is there to help families and wants to make sure that you understand that you are not on your own and do not want you to suffer in silence. The Welfare Visiting team can help with a range of support, from helping to increase weekly or monthly income by making sure that you are getting all the benefits you are entitled to, they can check if you can get help to reduce your council tax and rent bills, they can help with budgeting and, if you are in debt, the team can help with this too.

Families who have used this service previously cannot recommend them highly enough and last year alone they helped residents claim an additional £3.7 million in additional benefits. If you need help, please do get in touch with them, this is a FREE service and completely confidential. More information can be found by [clicking here](#).

TRACK AND TRACE

Track and Trace – The School’s Responsibilities

We have been asked to continue with our track and trace responsibilities as a school during the Christmas holidays. Therefore, in the usual way, should your child start to get symptoms of COVID-19, please arrange to get them tested and inform the school immediately (even during the Christmas holidays) by email to: covidtest@swanlandschool.co.uk . Thank you.



Music Lessons

For those pupils receiving music lessons through the East Riding Schools' Music Service, lessons will commence again from Tuesday 5th January 2021.



Non-Uniform ‘Christmas Jumper Day’ for ‘Save the Children’ – Thank you!

Through your kind donations, the school raised a fantastic £317 towards Save the Children. This is approximately £50 more than last year! Thank you everyone!



PTA’s ‘Your School Lottery’

Buy your ticket(s) today at [Your School Lottery](#) ready for our first draw on Saturday 9th January 2021. We encourage you to sign up and support our fund-raising lottery as everyone who is supporting our lottery on 19th December will automatically be entered into the draw to win the Nintendo Switch Mega Bundle!



ParentPay Reminders

Year 2 Florence Nightingale Half-Day Workshop – £3.50 **now overdue**

Year 5 Provisional Residential Trip to Robinwood – deposit of £30.00 due by 15th January



Autumn Term 2020 Diary (→ [New Diary Item](#))

Thursday 17th December – School Closes for Christmas Holiday (3.30 pm)

Spring Term 2020 Diary (→ [New Diary Item](#))

Tuesday 5th January – School Re-opens After Christmas Holiday (8.50 am)

Friday 8th January – Year 2 Florence Nightingale Half-Day Workshop

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'HStephenson'.

Hannah Stephenson
Head Teacher