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18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

### UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – School Closes for Summer Holidays (3.20 pm)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – School Re-opens for Autumn Term 2024–2025 (8.45–8.50 am)

We have now reached the end of a very busy, successful (and wet) year. We are so proud of all the achievements of the children this year and of the many opportunities that they have been offered and taken up. We were pleased to be able to hold all 4 of our Sports Days (even though we did get a little soggy at 2 of them), the children had a marvellous time and did some great fund raising for our Colour Run and then the sun came out last week for our Olympics Day.

This year we have seen more House Events with children earning Praise Points/Counters for their house for good behaviour, manners, doing their best, completing House Bingo and many more. In addition to this they supported their House by working together reading their favourite book on World Book Day and working as a team in Sporting events.

OPAL has been a great success this year with our playtimes being vastly improved by the hard work of the OPAL team and volunteers as well as the donations provided by the Swanland School families and the local community. We still have lots of great ideas for making further improvements so please watch this space for how you can get involved.

Mrs Patrick and I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff for the fantastic opportunities they have provided for the children this year. The staff do really go above and beyond to provide a varied, interesting and supportive environment for the children.

The PTA this year have been a very small but dedicated and hard-working team. They have fund raised to support the school, to provide ELSA support, iPads for school, an author visit, a substantial donation towards the OPAL project and much more. Please do consider how you can support the PTA next year either by joining the meetings or volunteering at events as the current team have been stretched very thinly and would really love some support to be able to continue to provide the opportunities they do.

We would like to say a huge well done and good luck to the Year 6 children and all the other children who are leaving us this year to join new schools! Our Year 6 children are a credit to our school; they have been kind, respectful, hardworking and make us proud every day and we wish them every success in their new schools and their future life.

We hope you all have a restful summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September 2024!

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### PTA Summer Fete & Year 6 Summer Games – Thank you!

A big “Thank You” goes out to everyone who supported the PTA Summer Fete on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, to all the volunteers and staff for helping at the event and particularly to the PTA committee members who organised the event. Without all those staff and parents volunteering their time to run this event, it would not be able to go ahead, so “Thank You”! The field was busy, the rain held off and the event a great success!

The Summer Fayre games, organised by Year 6 again, were a phenomenal success! The Year 6 children (and their parents) and the staff had put a great deal of effort into running this event – well done Year 6!

We have raised approximately **£2,912.34** with more to count, which is a superb achievement!



### School Meals

The cost of school meals is increasing from 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to the following:

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: school meals are free;
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: the cost of a school meal will be **£2.90**.

Information regarding school meals can be found [by clicking here](#) and they are payable in advance online via [ParentPay](#).

### Olympics

#### House Olympics Update

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July we had a wonderful time during our School House Olympics. There were many activities throughout day that the children thoroughly enjoyed. Races on the field, obstacle courses, cross bar challenge, penalty shootout, netball challenge, escape room, team games, maths challenges, a quiz and designing and colouring competitions.

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Throughout the day, points were given to each house, it was very close at the end but the overall winning house for our House Olympics was...Unicorn! Well done!

### Haltemprice Sports Athletics Meeting

Children from Years 3–6 took part in the annual Haltemprice Athletics event at Costello Stadium on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

The children competed against 6 other local primary schools in 40 events!

The school was successful in achieving:

- 14 individual **Gold** medals and 6 **Gold Relay Medals**
- 6 individual **Silver** medals and 2 **Silver Relay Medals**
- 7 **Bronze** medals

Congratulations everyone! The children received their medals and certificates at the presentation evening.



### Year 6 Quad Kids Athletics

Following on from their success at the South Hunsley Partnership competition and the East Riding competition, the Year 6 Quad Kids team went on to the Humber finals at Costello Stadium. After a full day of competition, the team missed out on a medal by 2 points. The team performed very well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

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### ParentPay – Current Online Payments

Please remember to make sure any outstanding payments on your ParentPay account are paid before school closes TOMORROW for the Summer Holidays. All lunch accounts MUST close with a NIL balance. Any Year 6 accounts left in credit will be refunded. Thank you.

- (current Year 3) Year 4 Residential Visit to Cranedale – due before Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 24
- (current Year 4) Year 5 Visit to Eden Camp – due before Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 24
- (current Year 1) Year 2 ‘Great Fire of London’ Workshop – due before Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 24

Please note, deadlines for events will no longer be extended. Thank you.



### Flyers on the School Website

Community flyers added to the school website this week can be found by [clicking on this link](#) then looking under Summer Term 2023–24, Second Half Summer Term Flyers.

Direct link to Trans Pennine Trail – Kids Activity Pack – [click here](#)

*Disclaimer: Swanland Primary School does not endorse the following flyers; we are simply sharing the information.*

### FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES



#### Autumn Term 2024 Diary (→ [New Diary Item](#))

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2 Meet and Greet, 5.30 pm (Small Hall) [CLICK HERE](#)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 Visit to Eden Camp [CLICK HERE](#)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 Meet and Greet, 5.30 pm (Classroom) [CLICK HERE](#)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 Meet and Greet, 6.00 pm (Small Hall) [CLICK HERE](#)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 Meet and Greet, 5.00 pm (Classroom) [CLICK HERE](#)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Children’s Individual Photographs (all day)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Family Photographs (5.00 pm) (*sign up to follow*)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Reception Meet and Greet, 5.30 pm (Great Hall) [CLICK HERE](#)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1 Meet and Greet, 5.00 pm (Small Hall) [CLICK HERE](#)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 Meet and Greet, 6.00 pm (Small Hall) [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2 ‘Great Fire of London’ Half-Day Workshop [CLICK HERE](#)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Scarecrow Hunt! (*letter to follow*)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Immunisation Nurse in school – Nasal Spray Flu Vaccinations (*letter to follow*)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 Visit to Murton Park (*letter to follow*)

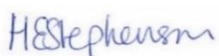
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – PTA Bag2School Collection (*letter to follow*)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – School Closes for October Half-Term Holiday (3.20 pm)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – School Re-opens After October Half-Term Holiday (8.45–8.50 am)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Hannah Stephenson  
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