



## Encourage the development of wisdom

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### **SPRING TERM 2 - NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you have had a lovely half-term break and are ready and raring to go for this half of term! Hopefully you will have had a chance to look at the school website since it was re-launched. There is lots of information in it, including a link to 'Parent View' survey. If you have a few minutes we would really appreciate it if you could go online and fill in the survey (you can also get to it if you google 'Parent View Embleton'). It helps give both us, and others a view on how you feel things at the school are going.

### **After School Clubs**

We were delighted at the uptake for after school clubs, hopefully your child is enjoying them. We have again provided the clubs that the children voted for this half term. If you have any feedback / comments on the clubs on offer please do not hesitate to speak to either Miss Murray or myself. We are looking at some external providers (particularly sports related) for the summer term. If you have any recommendations or thoughts on what else we could offer then please let us know.

### **Wrap Around Care**

We are delighted to announce that from September 2017 we will be offering wraparound care, for children in Reception and upwards. The care is during term time from 7.45 am and until 5.30 pm. Costs are as follows:

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| ○ Breakfast Club   | 7.45-8.45 am | £3.50 (including cereal/toast) |
| ○ Afterschool Club | 3.00-4.00 pm | £2 (as part of clubs)          |
|                    | 3.00-5.30 pm | £7 (including snack and clubs) |

Bookings and payments will need to be made monthly, in advance for us to organise staffing. We would be grateful if you could let us know if you are likely to want to use wrap around, so that we can start planning for it now.

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### **Nursery Places**

From September 2017 we will be offering a more flexible approach to our nursery provision. Parents will be able to choose either full days (8.45am - 3.00pm) or half days (8.45am - 11.45am or 12pm - 3.00pm). We will also be offering the opportunity for people to pay beyond their 'free' entitlement of 15 or 30 hours. Charges will be £10 for a half day and £18 for a full day. Please let us know if you have a child hoping to come to our nursery, or if you have any questions regarding our offer.

### **Swimming & PE**

We continue to go to Willowburn on a Monday morning. The PE activities for the children this half-term are again trampolining, gymnastics and swimming. Please continue to send your child to school in PE kit on that day.

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March we have an Ash Wednesday Church Service beginning at 10am. It would be great if you could all join us in church and for refreshments in school afterwards.

### **World Book Day & Book Swap**

As you will know Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is World Book Day. We would like your children to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. We will be holding a book swap too, so if your child would like to bring along a book that they have read or no longer read they can swap this for a different book to take home and keep.

### **Friends of Embleton – Table Top Sale & Easter Fair**

The Friends of Embleton met up at the end of last term to organise the fundraising events for this coming term. A Table Top sale with teas, coffees and a tombola will be held in the Creighton Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10am – 12pm. Tombola prizes are welcome for the event, please drop these off at school. Tables cost £5 each and can be booked at the school office. The Easter Fair will be held on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm - 3:30pm with an Easter Hunt, kids raffle, cake stall, teas & coffees. Please come along and support both events.

### **Lunch Club**

Every Thursday at midday we hold our community lunch club. Mandy makes a fantastic meal for everyone and the school invites retired members of the community to come along and join us. A meal costs £4 each and includes a main course & dessert. If you would like to book a place at the lunch on behalf of a family / community member then please contact the school office.

### **Bags to School Collection**

We will be holding another 'Bags to School' Collection on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. All bags should be returned that morning. Further details to follow but please start collecting now.

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Another busy half term ahead. Here are the key dates for your diary. There may be new dates to add over the coming six weeks and we will contact you via email to let you know about these.

### **Diary Dates – Spring Half Term 2**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Ash Wednesday service – Church 10am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day & Book Swap
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 8.45am-12pm Class 2
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 1pm-4pm Class 1
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 and Year 3 parent lunch - midday
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3pm-5pm Class 2
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Deadline for Book Club Orders
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 4 parent lunch - midday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Table Top Sale – Creighton Hall 10am
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Fair – 2pm-3:30pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Bags to School Collection Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens for Summer term

Kind regards,

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