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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### **SPRING TERM 1 - NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas Holidays. I hope you had a fabulous break and are refreshed for the new term. The staff would like to thank all of you for the cards and presents that you gave them in the run up to Christmas.

As we start a new year I would like to say how excited I am to finally be in post. Although I have met many of you either at assemblies or at drop off / pick up, I would like to briefly tell you a little bit about myself, for those that I haven't had the opportunity to chat with yet. I have lived in Longhoughton for most of the last 13 years, my husband and I have 4 children who are spread across the Duchess Community High School, Lindisfarne Middle School and Longhoughton Primary School. My husband, Tony, works for Newcastle United Foundation and Academy as a youth football coach. We have 4 chickens that live in our garden. Prior to coming to Embleton I was the Early Years Lead at Swansfield Park Primary School in Alnwick.

### **School Dinners**

The menu has been updated for 2017. The new menu can be found on the school website, and is available on request from the school office. Please remember that it is vital that dinner money is paid at the start of each week in order to allow us to budget appropriately.

### **Reminders for Nursery Parents**

Please remember to apply for your school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January. You can apply online at [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk) (google Northumberland School Admissions). If you have any queries please call the admissions team on 01670 624889. As you are aware all 3- and 4-year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free education. If you are not taking up your full entitlement, and would like to increase the number of sessions you have please speak to me, the office or Miss Murray. The Local Authority requires us to finalise the sessions for this term that each child has on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Friends of Embleton School**

Thank you so much everyone who supported the bingo on Saturday night, whether by attending, buying raffle tickets or donating prizes. An amazing £520 was raised.

There is a meeting of the Friends on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2.30 pm in school. All are welcome to attend.



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### **School Council**

The School Council recently canvassed opinions on which after school clubs they would like for this half term. Their next task will be to investigate if there is anything they think that the school needs to buy to enhance learning opportunities. This half-term I will also be tasking them with finding out about school meals, and what we can do to make them even better than they already are.

### **School Clubs**

Thank you to all those who have signed up to access school clubs this half term. Please pick up your child promptly at 4.00 pm Mon-Thu. I shall aim to finish films at 4.30 pm on Fridays, but if they over-run you are more than welcome to come and watch the end with us!

### **Governors**

We now have pictures of all the school governors on a board in the school entrance, as well as information about them on the website. Although the Parent Governors, Mark Butler and Victoria Fyffe, are directly elected to represent the parents, all the governors are happy for you to approach them about school matters should you desire to do so.

### **Swimming and PE**

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

### **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Nursery parent lunch - midday
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Mini story garden project trip to Alnwick Playhouse
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Reception parent lunch – midday
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception & Year 1 stay and play 2 pm-3pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Ash Wednesday service - church
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 8.45am-12pm Year 3 & 4





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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
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3pm-5pm Year 3 & 4
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 4 parent lunch - midday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose 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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