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Monday 6th November 2023

Autumn Half Term 2 Newsletter

We hope you had a lovely half-term break - can you believe that it is 8 weeks until Christmas?! As ever this half term is incredibly busy, with lots for the children to be doing in the run up to the holiday season. Please keep an eye on the website for diary dates.

Dropping off and Picking up

Doors open at 8.30 am. Please ensure that your child comes in promptly, so that they can get on with their morning tasks. The doors will close by 8.40 am. We expect all children to be in and starting their lessons at this point, so if you know that your child can be slow to take off their coat, sort out their bag etc it would be great if you could ensure they are in school in plenty of time to achieve this before 8.40 am! School finishes at 3.10 pm.

I would like to remind you that the road at the side of school as out of bounds to all parents' cars during drop off and pick up times. This is to ensure that there is space for the school taxis to come up to the front door, where they will be dropping off and picking up children; and to reduce the risk of accidents happening with children going out into the road. Please do not use the side road to cut through after you have picked up/dropped off your child, as there may be other children still waiting to go home.

You are strongly urged to park at/over the top of the hill in the village (Sea Lane) and walk down to school. This keeps the main road free of congestion, and reduces the likelihood of accidents.

Finally, could I ask that children are discouraged from climbing on the walls around the school, or the neighbouring houses.

Wraparound

We continue to offer wraparound care from 7.30 am, and until 5.30 pm. Please speak to Melissa if you would like to book any sessions. We prefer bookings in advance, although can take additional children on a short notice basis if you are stuck.

Clubs

There are still some spaces available in clubs this half term. Please let Melissa know if you would like to book any.

Christmas Cards

We have again, this year, created Christmas cards for you to buy, together with a range of other printed products. For each item purchased the school gets a proportion of the amount charged. These valuable funds help to purchase resources for the classrooms. Look out for the proofs to come home soon.

Parent Governors

Your new parent governor is Jo Robertson. I would like to formally welcome her on your behalf and thank her for stepping forward and taking on the role. She joins Fred Bosanquet representing you on the governing body. Jo has also been nominated as Chair to the Embleton Primary Fundraising Charity (EPFC) this year, any parents/carers that would like to get involved in the group please have a chat with Jo.

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PE

- Puffins will be doing PE on **Mondays**. Please ensure that your child wears a school PE kit to school on Mondays.
- Seals and Orcas will be doing PE with Newcastle United Foundation on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure that your child wears a school PE kit to school on Wednesdays.

Beach School

We will be continuing to attend Beach School on **Fridays**. Please ensure that children wear school PE kit to come to school. We will generally be staying down at the beach at lunchtime. As ever, we will continue to assess the weather and conditions each week, and will adjust our sessions accordingly, whether that be by working in the dunes, going to a sheltered spot on the beach, going down slightly later, or coming back earlier. Please make sure that your child has all the appropriate clothing for the conditions. There are still a number of children who come in to school with a hat with a big bobble on the top. Please can you avoid this as it means it is almost impossible to keep heads both warm and dry. As the weather gets colder please make sure that your child has warm socks to wear inside their wellies. Please also make sure that your child has both wellies and trainers in school on Fridays, as your child needs something to wear on their feet, other than wellies, in the classroom.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are being held Monday 13th November for Puffin, Seal and Orca classes, with some additional spaces for Seal class on Tuesday 14th November due to it being a larger class. Some sessions will be available only as video appointments, some can be either video or in person. Please book online by Friday 10th November. You will be sent a reminder on the day of your consultation with the link if you are attending online. Please note that the available times are the only times that parent consultations will take place, as the teaching staff have other commitments outside of the scheduled time. If you have not received the email from School Cloud to book your appointment please check your junk folder. If you can't find it please let us know and we will book you a slot manually.

Communication

Important information, newsletters, diary dates, class pages and weekly school and class blogs are on the school website at embletonprimaryschool.com. Please use this as your first port of call for finding the information you need. If there is anything else you would like to see on the website please let us know.

We will continue to send out information mainly via email. Please make sure that if you change your email address or phone number, you let us know.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff please either catch us at the beginning or end of day, email us (admin@vincentedwards.northumberland.sch.uk) or give us a call. Please make sure that emails go to the admin address rather than Melissa directly, as she doesn't work every day, so doesn't always read your email immediately. This is really important - we have missed a few notifications about children being off sick, or changes to pick-up arrangements recently because of this.

Kind Regards

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Diary Dates

Thursday 9 th November	Orca NUFC football tournament (nominated individuals)
Friday 10 th November 9.30 am	Worship by the Waves - Remembrance
Friday 10 th November	Parent Consultation bookings close
Mon 13 th , Tues 14 th November	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 15 th November	Seal Skipping Festival (nominated individuals)
Friday 17 th November	School Photos (no beach school - school uniform)
Tuesday 21 st November 8:45am	Embleton Primary Fundraising Charity (EPFC) Meeting – Parish Church Rooms (All welcome)
Tuesday 21 st November 12.30 pm	Seal Class Parent Lunch (Seal Parents)
Friday 24 th November	KS2 STEM Challenge
Wednesday 29 th November	Andy Tooze Poet visit
Thursday 30 th November	Flu Immunisations (R-Y6)
Friday 1 st December 2.00 pm	Advent Service in Church (all parents welcome)
Tuesday 5 th December 3.00 pm	Books2Africa Bring and Buy Sale
Friday 8 th December	Orca Dodgeball festival
Friday 8 th December	Last day for nativity costumes to come into school
Monday 11 th December 1.30 pm	School Nativity Play (please bring pre-school children to this performance only). Tickets on sale soon.
Tuesday 12 th December 1.30 pm	School Nativity Play (no pre-school children at this performance). Tickets on sale soon.
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Monday 18 th December	Orca and Seal Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	Puffin and Starfish Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd December 2.00 pm	Carol Service in Church (all parents welcome)
Friday 22 nd December 3.10 pm	School closes for Christmas

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