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Wednesday 6th September 2017

AUTUMN TERM 1 - NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer holidays, and that all the children are back to school refreshed and raring to go. We have been very busy over the holidays clearing out the school – we managed to fill 2 skips with obsolete or old equipment and resources! We have refreshed most areas, repainted parts, and reset. We are very proud of how the school looks, and hope that you are too.

I would like to welcome Mrs Popay formally to the permanent teaching staff. Although she worked with us for much of last year, she had done so on a temporary basis. It is also great to have Mrs Cotton now working full-time in the school, and we are delighted that Mrs Davison is continuing to work with us for a couple of days a week as a volunteer whilst she completes her training.

Wraparound Care

We are really excited this term to be offering wraparound care for children from Reception upwards. It is available from 7.30 am and until 5.30 pm daily. This is in addition to the daily clubs that will also continue. Please speak to the school office for further details.

PE – Years 1 to 5

Years 1 to 5 will go to Willowburn each week on Monday for swimming and an activity. This half-term the activities are either trampolining or gymnastics. Please ensure that swimming costumes come in to school on a Monday. Children can come to school in their PE kit, but must remember to bring school uniform to change in to at lunchtime. PE kit needs to remain in school all week, as it may be used on other occasions. It will be sent home on Fridays.

PE – Reception & Nursery

Children in Early Years will have plenty of opportunities to use the hall and outside space for PE throughout the week. They do not need PE kits in school.

School Uniform

The school uniform list is on the website. Please ensure that it is adhered to. Please note that whilst a school tie is available for those KS2 children that want to wear them, there is no requirement to do so – a white shirt and school jumper is fine.

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From this term the wearing of jewellery, with the exception of a watch, will be forbidden. This includes earrings, as there is a danger of them being ripped out during playground activities or lost.

Parents are reminded that should a child want their ears pierced, the ideal time to do so is at the start of the summer holidays. If there are any specific religious or cultural reasons that conflict with the school uniform policy please make an appointment to speak to me about it.

Communication

Important information, newsletters, diary dates, class pages and a weekly blog are on the school website at www.embletonprimary.co.uk. Please use this as your first port of call for finding 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 via email, texts and in book bags where paper copies are required. 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.

Payments to School

Please ensure payments to school are made promptly. This is particularly important for lunch money. Lunch money is due on the Monday for that week. The school can accept cash or cheques made payable to 'Vincent Edwards CofE Primary School'.

Parent & Friends Association (PFA)

The PFA continues to provide a wide range of fun fundraising activities that pay for school trips, and allows us to buy in additional resources and activities that enhance the children's learning experiences. They are always on the lookout for additional fundraising ideas and support to plan events, as well as help on the day. Please come along to the first meeting on Wednesday 13th September or let us know how you are able to support the school.

Toddler Group

The Toddler Group continues each Monday 9.45-11.15am in school. If you have a 0-4 year old, or you know someone who does, we would love to welcome you along to join in the fun and activities.

Diary Dates

Please find below diary dates. Note that the Parent's Assemblies have moved from Thursday to Friday. Additionally Parent Lunches are a mixture of Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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Diary Dates – Autumn Half Term 1

Wednesday 6 th September	School reopens for Autumn Half Term 1
Wednesday 13 th September	Parent & Friends Fundraising Meeting – 8:45am
Friday 15 th September	School Assembly – 8:45am
Tuesday 26 th September	Nursery Parent Lunch - Midday
Friday 29 th September	School Assembly – 8:45am
Wednesday 11 th October	Reception Parent Lunch – Midday (additional date scheduled on 1 st November to accommodate all parents / carers of Reception children)
Thursday 12 th October	Harvest Festival, Holy Trinity Church – 10am (Collection for Alnwick Food Bank)
Friday 13 th October	School Assembly – 8:45am
Monday 16 th October	Parent Consultations – 3-4:30pm
Friday 20 th October	School closes for Half Term
Monday 30 th October	School re-opens for Autumn Term 2

And finally...

Thank you for your continued support to the school team. We are really excited about all the new developments this year, and are looking forward to spending time with your children as they continue to grow and learn.

Kind Regards

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