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Tuesday 26th February 2019

SPRING HALF TERM 2 – NEWSLETTER

I hope that you have all had a good break over half-term, and that the majority of you managed to banish the various bugs that were going around just before the holidays. Hopefully everyone is looking forward to the next six weeks in the run-up to the Easter break.

I am hopeful that Spring has sprung, however, just in case we have a cold snap like last year - information about closures due to snow will be on the school website. We will also endeavour to send you an email notification. The gritted path into school is shown on the map on the school door. Please ensure that you keep to this path (and ensure your children do the same) when the ground is icy or frosty.

Whilst I am talking about the weather, please make sure that your child has a waterproof coat and wellies in school each day. This means that they will be able to take full advantage of the school grounds at break and lunchtime.

Wraparound Care

As more children use wraparound care could I remind people that we require forms to be completed and places booked prior to the month starting. This is to ensure that we have the right number of staff rostered on. We can take children at shorter notice, but this should be as a one off, rather than the norm, as it means calling in / keeping in staff who may have other commitments. Please speak to Melissa if you require a booking form.

Grounds Work at School

Next week (4th - 8th March) we will be having some new playground equipment installed on the field and yard. This will result in some small amounts of disruption (cordoned-off areas, holes, skips etc). Whilst we will ensure that all children are kept safe during school time, we would appreciate it if you could ensure that you keep your children well away from any equipment or areas being worked on before and after school.

Swimming – Years 1 to 5

Willowburn pool is closed for refurbishment for three weeks this half term. As a result we will be swimming for the first week (Thursday 28th February), then we will be in school for the next three weeks (7th, 14th and 21st March), before returning to swimming for the last two weeks of term. Please ensure that the weeks that we are in school children bring PE kits in with them. On the weeks that we are swimming children only need to bring swimming things.

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Bikes and Scooters

Please make sure that you are not allowing children to ride bikes and scooters on the school site. This is to ensure that everyone remains safe.

World Book Day

As you are aware this year we are asking our children to make a model of their favourite book character rather than dressing up. Please make sure that your child brings their model into school with them on Thursday 7th March.

Beach School

We will be continuing to attend Beach School every Friday. This will be our last half term with Bridie and Helen, so we are planning some fun activities to do with them over the last couple of weeks of term. Please ensure that children wear school PE kit to come to school. We will continue to monitor and 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. Assume that your child will ALWAYS be going and dress them accordingly. Please ensure coats are properly waterproof (not just shower proof), and that your child is wearing layers underneath their school hoodie. Please also ensure that your child is wearing warm socks - the plastic soles of many wellies do not insulate the children very well, and cold feet quickly become uncomfortable. Please make sure that your child has both wellies and trainers in school on Fridays, as if we do have to return, your child needs something to wear on their feet, other than wellies, in the classroom.

Communication

Important information, newsletters, diary dates, class pages and weekly school and class blogs are on the school website at www.embletonprimary.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 via email, texts and in book bags. Please make sure that if you change your email address or phone number, you let us know. This is particularly important should we need to contact you in an emergency. 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 on (01665) 576612.

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 or paid ahead monthly / termly. The school can accept cash or cheques.

Toddler Group

We continue to hold Toddler Group on a Friday morning from 10-11.30am 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.

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Diary Dates – Spring Half Term 2

Monday 25 th February	School Re-opens for Spring Half Term 2
Tuesday 5 th March	Year 5 & 6 Trip to Active Northumberland Rugby Tournament 1-3pm, Alnwick Rugby Club
Wednesday 6 th March	Parent Lunch
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Parent Assembly
Tuesday 19 th March	Parent Lunch
Friday 22 nd March	Parent Assembly
Sunday 24 th March	Easter Fair 10am to Midday
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 1 & 2 Trip to Grace Darling Museum, Bamburgh
Thursday 28 th March	Bags 2 School Collection
Friday 5 th April	Parent Assembly
Friday 5 th April	School closes for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd April	School Resumes for Summer Half Term 1

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