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Monday 31st October 2022

Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

We hope you had a lovely half-term break - can you believe that it is less than 9 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.

I am delighted to say that we are finally back into school. Some procedures will undoubtedly change as we get used to the new configuration - please bear with us! There are still some bits for the builders and others to do, but we are aiming to keep disruption to a minimum. I would like to formally thank the management committee of the Creighton Hall for letting us hire the hall for such a long period of time. They really were so accommodating. I would also like to thank the staff and children who have had to put up with a lot whilst we were decamped in the hall. That everyone did so with a (generally) sunny disposition has made my job immeasurably more straightforward. Finally I would like to thank one of our governors, Mark Green, who has put in a huge amount of work leading the project to ensure that we have an amazing new space that is fit for purpose.

Dropping off and Picking up

In the morning the gate onto the school yard will be unlocked just before 8.30.

- **Starfish** parents can see their children into the door of Starfish classroom, as before.
- **Orca** children will enter their classroom through their door.
- **Puffin** and **Seal** children will enter the school through the back door.
- At the end of school, all children will be brought round to the gate onto the school yard to be released to parents.
- Children in breakfast wraparound will enter the school through the front door.
- Children in clubs and after-school wraparound will be released to parents via the front door.

We have decided to designate 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.

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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 we 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.

PE – Years 1 to 6

PE this half term will be held on a Monday afternoon and as part of Beach School on a Wednesday. Please ensure that your child is wearing PE kit on a Monday and a Wednesday.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are being held this week (Year 1 to Year 6). You will be sent a reminder on the day of your consultation with the link. Following feedback, the sessions have more than doubled in length.

Beach School

We will be continuing to attend Beach School every Wednesday. Please ensure that children wear school PE kit to come to school. With the weather closing in, 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 be aware that shower-proof cagoules are not sufficient at this time of year. Please make sure that your child has both wellies and trainers in school on Wednesdays, as your child needs something to wear on their feet, other than wellies, in the classroom. Please avoid sending your child in with a hat with a bobble on, as it is tricky to get hoods up over huge bobbles. We have found it is definitely worth making sure that your child has thick socks to wear inside their wellies - thin socks and plastic soles do not keep toes warm.

Communication

Important information, newsletters, diary dates, class pages and weekly school and class blogs are on the school website at www.embletonprimaryschool.com/website. 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.

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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.

Cost of Living Crisis

As the higher costs for food, energy and fuel continue to bite, please do not feel embarrassed to come and chat with us if you are struggling. We have access to a range of different organisations and individuals who could provide support. With this in mind, and despite having received no additional support from the government ourselves, we are committed to ensure that school meal and wraparound costs will not increase until at least September 2023. Furthermore, we will be mindful of additional costs for things such as costumes or outfits for activities, as well as asking you for contributions for a variety of things. Where we can reduce our charges, or not charge anything, we will do so.

The PFA (Parents & Friends Association) now has a reasonable stock of second hand uniforms for sale at a nominal price. Please let us know if your child is growing out of something, and we can pass on your requests to the PFA. The PFA would also be very grateful for any uniform that is no longer required.

PFA Fundraising

Thank you to Laura Tollervey for volunteering to be PFA Chair for the year ahead. The PFA has already made a good start at fundraising this academic year. £300 was raised at the Dunstanburgh Castle Hotel quiz and the school open day bake sale raised £94.80. There is a Morrisons bag pack planned for Saturday 10th December 9am-5pm and the PFA are seeking parent / carer / family / community members to give up an hour of their time on the day to help pack bags. If anyone can help please contact Melissa or Laura to book a time slot.

Kind Regards,

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Diary Dates

1/2 Nov 22	Parent Consultations	Seal Class parents
2 Nov 22	Parent Consultations	Puffin Class parents
2/4 Nov 22	Parent Consultations	Orca Class parents
9 Nov 22	Bags 2 School - Creighton Hall before 9am	All
9 Nov 22	Lindisfarne Gospels visit, Newcastle	Seals and Orcas
10 Nov 22	Bikeability	Year 4
11 Nov 22	Bikeability	Reception and Year 1
14 Nov 22	PFA Meeting 08:45 - Parish Room	All parents
17/18 Nov 22	Bikeability	Year 2 and Year 3
18 Nov 22	Class Worship 14:20	Orca Class parents only
21 Nov 22	Flu Immunisations	R - Y6 (if confirmed)
24 Nov 22	School Blessing - Bishop Mark	Invited guests only
24/25 Nov 22	Bikeability	Year 5 and Year 6
28 Nov 22	Hancock Museum trip	Seals and Orcas
9 Dec 22	Christmas Jumper Day	All
10 Dec 22	PFA Bag Pack Morrisons	All available parents
12 Dec 22	Christmas play costumes in	All
14 Dec 22	No Beach School	All
14 Dec 22	Christmas play 14:00	All
15 Dec 22	DCHS Pastoral Team to work with Y6	Y6
19 Dec 22	KS2 Christmas Party	Seals and Orcas
20 Dec 22	EY/KS1 Christmas Party	Starfish and Puffins
22 Dec 22	Christingle Service 14:15	All
22 Dec 22	School finishes for Christmas	All

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