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Wednesday 7th September 2022

Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

We hope that you had a fabulous summer. All the staff would like to thank you for the kind gifts you gave us at the end of last term - it is very thoughtful of you. We are looking forward to, and excited for, the new term. We have lots planned for the children.

New Build Update

We are hopeful that we will be able to move back into school at the end of this month. The building work is progressing reasonably well, and the builders seem optimistic about it. Once we have a date I will be arranging an opportunity for you to come and have a nosey around, so that you can see our amazing new spaces.

Bishop Mark, the Bishop of Berwick, will be coming to formally open and bless the building on the afternoon of 13th October - it would be lovely to have parents and carers there. Please put a marker in your diaries.

Start of the School Day

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 at 8.45, by which time we expect all children to be in and starting their lessons.

Parent Governors

Your Parent Governors are Fred Bosanquet and Joanne Bevan. Whilst clearly if you would like to speak to a governor all are approachable and happy to chat with you, Fred and Joanne are your nominated representatives on the governing body.

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

This term we are offering clubs Monday-Thursday. These are bookable via Parent Pay and you will receive instructions for booking these later today.

- Monday Park Club (Puffins, Seals and Orcas)
- Tuesday Computing Club (Seals and Orcas); Craft Club (Puffins)
- Wednesday Lego Club (Puffins, Seals and Orcas)
- Thursday Choir (Puffins, Seals and Orcas)

PE - Puffins, Seals and Orcas

This half-term Emma is going to be teaching dance on **Monday** afternoons to Puffins, Seals and Orcas. Please come to school in school PE kits on Mondays. The second PE lesson will take place during Beach School

Music

Ms Barber will be teaching whole class vocal lessons this year to Seals and Orcas.

Mrs Threlfall: Head Teacher



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Beach School

This year we will be attending Beach School on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure that children wear school PE kit to come to school. We will 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 be aware that shower-proof cagoules are not sufficient as the weather turns more Autumnal! Additionally, can I please ask that the hats that are used do not have large bobbles on the top, as it is very challenging to put up hoods and keep heads warm and dry. 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.

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 via email as our primary means. 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 avoid emailing Melissa directly as she does not work every day. A member of staff monitors the admin email address on the days when she is not in.

Payments to School

Please ensure payments to school are made promptly. Please use ParentPay to pay for items from school (lunches, clubs etc.). We accept childcare vouchers to pay for nursery care / wraparound care. Please get in touch with Melissa for further information.

PFA

The Parent and Friends Association is continuing to run the 100 Club this term alongside other Christmas fundraising events. Additional funds raised by the PFA mainly go towards paying for visits and visitors to school, or other enhancements to the school curriculum. A date for the first PFA meeting of the academic year is to follow. A new chairperson, secretary and treasurer for the year ahead will be elected at the meeting.

And finally...

Thank you for all your support, as ever, and please remember that if you need any help, support or advice please speak to us and we will do our best to help you!

Kind Regards

Nicola Threlfall Head Teacher



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Diary Dates

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Monday 12 September 4pm	Orca Class London Trip Meeting (Orca parents)
Thursday 15 September 2.30 pm	Google Classroom/Homework Parent Workshop (Puffin, Seal, Orca parents)
Tuesday 20 September 2.30 pm	Phonics Workshop (Reception parents)
Wednesday 21 September- Thursday 22 September	Orca Class London Trip
Thursday 22 September	Seal Class Lindisfarne Gospel Walk
Monday 3 October	Seal Class Vindolanda Trip
Friday 7 October 9 am	Harvest Service in church (all welcome)
Monday 10-Friday 14 October	Bikeability (all year groups)
Mon 10 October	Parent Consultation bookings open
Thursday 13 October 1 pm	Official School Opening (all welcome)
Friday 21 October 2.15 pm	Orca Class Worship (Orca parents)
Friday 21 October 3 pm	School finishes for half term
Thursday 27 October	Parent Consultation bookings close
Monday 31 October	School restarts
Tuesday 1 November	Parent Consultations Seal
Wednesday 2 November	Parent Consultations Puffin, Seal, Orca
Friday 4 November	Parent Consultations Orca
Wednesday 9 November	Orca/Seal Lindisfarne Gospel visit
Monday 21 November	Flu vaccinations (provisional)
Monday 28 November	Orca/Seal Tutankhamun's Shoes visit
Friday 9 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 14 December 2 pm	Nativity Performance
Thursday 22 December 2 pm	Christingle Service
Thursday 22 December 3 pm	School finishes for Christmas holidays
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