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Tuesday 6th November 2018

AUTUMN HALF TERM 2 – NEWSLETTER

We hope you had a lovely half-term break - can you believe that it is only 7 weeks until Christmas?! As ever this is a very busy half-term with plenty on for the children.

I would like to formally welcome Mandy as she expands her role in the school to also clean for us daily. I would like to thank both Erica and Mandy for stepping into the breach last half-term when they did the cleaning on a temporary basis. They both did an amazing job, and I am incredibly grateful for their hard work.

Teaching and Learning Update

Those of you that were at the Parent Worship just before half-term will know that I mentioned that Mrs Warner, the Deputy Director of Education at the Diocese, had been in to see us during the week. She was delighted with the progress that she has seen over the last year, and left feeling really enthused about all the things that we are doing in school.

Embleton Expects

Following on from our work on Embleton Expects with the children, I would like to remind all parents and carers that Embleton also expects them to set a good example for their children with the elements that are appropriate for them. In particular I would appreciate your help demonstrating to children 'showing kindness to others', whether that be, as adults, towards each other in the school yard, or by encouraging your children to show kindness to others as you are out and about.

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.

PE – Years 1 to 5

This half term Years 1 to 5 will go to Willowburn each week on Thursday for bouldering or freestyle gymnastics. Please ensure that children wear school uniform but bring in PE kits and a water bottle on a Thursday.

PE - Year 6

This half term Year 6 will do yoga on a Wednesday. Please ensure that children wear school uniform but bring in PE kits and a water bottle on a Wednesday.

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Beach School

We will be continuing to attend Beach School every Friday. Please ensure that children wear school PE kit to come to school. As you will be aware, we have cut short the sessions due to inclement conditions on a couple of occasions last half-term. 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.

Our session just before the half-term break was shortened in part because children did not have the appropriate clothing for the conditions. In particular, some children did not have warm, waterproof coats (not just showerproof cagoules), and some children did not have waterproof trousers. 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 also ensure your child has a water bottle. 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.

School Uniform

The school uniform list is on the website, and in Year 6 planners. 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.

Please note that the wearing of jewellery, with the exception of a watch, is not allowed. This includes earrings, as there is a danger of them being ripped out during playground activities or lost. Children with long hair are asked to have it tied back.

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 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.

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 or a half term ahead if you prefer. The school can accept cash or cheques.

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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 meetings, or let us know how you are able to support the school. The next planning meeting is on Thursday 8th November at 7:30pm.

Toddler Group

We continue to hold Toddler Group on a Friday morning from 10.00-11.30 am 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.

School Photographs

We have Tempest photography coming into school on Thursday 22nd November to take pupil photos. If you have a pre-school sibling and would like a family photo taken please bring your child into school at 10:30am on that morning.

Xmas Card & Book Club Orders

You will find your child's Christmas card design and a book club brochure in book bags this afternoon. Please make sure that orders for Christmas Cards / merchandise (together with full payment) are placed by Friday 9th November and you have any book club orders please place these by Friday 16th November.

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of diary dates. Note that the Parent Worship is on alternate Friday mornings. Additionally Parent Lunches are a mixture of Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

And finally...

Thank you for your continued support to the school team. We hope you are looking forward to as much glitter coming home as we are!

Kind Regards

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Diary Dates – Autumn Half Term 2

Tuesday 6 th November	School Re-opens for Autumn Half Term 2
Wednesday 7 th November	Parent Consultations – KS1. 2:30-4:30pm
Thursday 8 th November	Parent Consultations – KS2. 2:30-4:30pm
Thursday 8 th November	Parents & Friends (PFA) Meeting – 7:30pm
Friday 16 th November	Parent Assembly
Wednesday 21 st November	Parent Lunch
Thursday 22 nd November	School Photographs – 10:30am
Friday 30 th November	Parent Assembly
Tuesday 4 th December	Parent Lunch
Thursday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – NSPCC
Sunday 16 th December	PFA Morrisons Bag Pack
Tuesday 18 th December	School Xmas Lunch & Party
Wednesday 19 th December	School Christmas Performance – Location TBC
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Fair – School Hall 3-4:30pm
Friday 21 st December	Church Christingle Service – 10:30am
Friday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
Monday 7 th January	School Resumes for Spring Half Term 1

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