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Monday 24th February 2020

SPRING HALF TERM 2 – NEWSLETTER

I hope that you have all had a good break over half-term. Hopefully everyone is looking forward to the next 6 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. If it is icy we will grit a path round the edge of the school, from the gate to the front 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

As a greater range of children use wraparound could I please 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.

Swimming – Orcas and Puffins

All children in Orca and Puffin classes will be going swimming on Thursdays this half term. Please ensure that children bring in swimming kit. There is no requirement for PE kits to be brought in school this half term other than for Country Dancing club on a Thursday after school.

Music Lessons

The Y1-6 children that have booked music lessons with Caro Fentiman will have these on a Monday this half term. Please remember music books and notebooks each week.

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.

Beach School

We will be continuing to attend Beach School every Friday. 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

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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.

World Book Day

This year for World Book Day we will be allowing children to dress up as characters from traditional tales. We will have our dress-up day on Wednesday 4th March, as it would be too complicated dressing up on a swimming day! Please do not feel that you have to go out and purchase costumes - a red sheet makes a fab little red riding hood cape; or a pair of Pudsey ears and a yellow t-shirt make a great Daddy Bear. World Book Day Vouchers will be sent home in book bags, these can be used at various different retailers to claim a free promotional book or towards the purchase of another book.

Communication

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

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. The school can accept cash or cheques.

PFA - Easter Hamper Raffle

Instead of an Easter Fair, this year the PFA have decided to run an Easter Hamper Raffle. If you are able to sell tickets, or know of somewhere that can, please let Melissa know. Also, please can you ensure that if you have any donations for the hampers that they are given to Melissa sooner rather than later.

Orca Notelets

Orca Class have made some beautiful notelets that they are selling on behalf of Hospice Care. Each pack has 10 notelets in, and costs £2.50. There are a range of designs and you can order a mixed pack, or a pack of specific designs. Please let Melissa know what you would like to order.

Dairy Dates below.....

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Diary Dates

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

Monday 24 th February	School Resumes for Spring Half Term 2
Wednesday 26 th February	Ash Wednesday Service, Holy Trinity Church 10am
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parent Lunch - Midday
Tuesday 3 rd March	Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Match – (home v's Felton) 3-4:30pm
Wednesday 4 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Parent Worship
Thursday 12 th March	Starfish Whitehouse Farm Trip
Thursday 12 th March	Year 5 & 6 Girls Netball – Duchess's High School
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Match – (home v's St Michael's) 3-4:30pm
Friday 20 th March	Parent Worship
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Match – (Whittingham) 3-4:30pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Parent Lunch - Midday
Tuesday 31 st March	Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Match – (Shilbottle) 3-4:30pm
Friday 3 rd April	Parent Worship
Friday 3 rd April	School Closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 20 th April	School Resumes for Summer Half Term 1

Kind Regards,
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