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Wednesday 5th September 2018

AUTUMN HALF TERM 1 – NEWSLETTER

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer holidays, and that all the children are back to school refreshed and raring to go. We have been very busy over the holidays sorting out the school and getting it ready for the new term.

I would like to welcome Miss Thompson to the teaching staff. She is really looking forward to becoming a key member of our school community, and I know that you will make her feel very welcome.

Embleton Expects

Last year we worked with the children to create a charter called 'Embleton Expects', where the children looked at all the things that would help them to be successful at school. We will be continuing to focus on it this year, and would appreciate it if you could support us by reminding and encouraging your children to complete any work they do at home in accordance with our charter. You can find 'Embleton Expects' on the back of the Home-School Agreement, on the website or in planners (Year 6).

Home-School Agreement

Enclosed is a Home-School Agreement. We would be grateful if you could read through it with your child, before both signing and returning it to school by Friday 7th September. Once we have taken a copy for our files we will return the original to you.

Knowledge Organisers

As part of our continuing drive to increase standards throughout the school, we will be sharing 'Knowledge Organisers' with the children, parents and carers. These will detail all the 'powerful' knowledge for a particular topic or module.

These are the 'go-to' documents outlining the essential knowledge that the teachers will be covering across a unit of work; including dates, key personnel, vocabulary, definitions, and other contextual or technical information. The aim is that everyone will then know exactly what is being taught, and what the children need to learn.

Children will initially use the Knowledge Organisers as prompt sheets, and over the course of the topic they will gradually be withdrawn until the children know all the information on them. Please feel free to also use them as reference guides for what your child is learning, and also as an opportunity to discuss facts about the topic and how much they have learnt. If you see any information on the Knowledge Organisers where you might be able to help with artefacts or discussions then please let us know!

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Wraparound Care

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 a Thursday afternoon for swimming. Please ensure that children wear school uniform but bring in swimming costumes, towels and a water bottle on a Thursday.

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 the weather is becoming more changeable please ensure that warm, waterproof coats, hats, waterproof trousers, and gloves (preferably waterproof) are available every week. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle. We will be doing PE lessons on the beach, so please make sure that both wellies and trainers are also in school.

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.

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Payments to School

Please ensure payments to school are made promptly. This is particularly important for lunch money, we cannot offer credit. Lunch money is due on the Monday for that week or half termly in advance if preferred. The school can accept cash or cheques.

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 first meeting, or let us know how you are able to support the school.

Toddler Group

Due to the change in slot that we have been given at Willowburn we have had to move the Toddler Group to 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.

Bags 2 School Collection

We have a date scheduled for the Bas 2 School Collection of Thursday 25th October (bags to follow). We raised £200 for the school at the last collection so please start collecting any unwanted clothes, shoes etc. now and bring to school on the morning of the collection.

Diary Dates

Please find below diary dates. Note that the Parent Worship is on alternate Friday mornings. Additionally Parent Lunches are a mixture of Tuesdays and Wednesdays and we will be in touch closer to the time to organise attendees for these. We will be running these as mixed year groups this year.

And finally...

Thank you for your continued support to the school team. We are really excited about all the new developments this year, and are looking forward to spending time with your children as they continue to grow and learn.

Kind Regards

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Diary Dates – Autumn Half Term 1

Wednesday 5 th September	School Re-opens for Autumn Half Term 1
Thursday 6 th September	Swimming at Willowburn starts Years 1-5
Friday 7 th September	Beach School begins each Friday
Friday 14 th September	Parent Assembly 8:45am
Tuesday 18 th September	Parents & Friends Meeting 8:45am
Tuesday 25 th September	Parent Lunch
Friday 28 th September	Parent Assembly 8:45am
Thursday 4 th October	Bikeability Training – Year 5
Wednesday 10 th October	Parent Lunch
Thursday 11 th October	Harvest Festival - 10am, Embleton Church.
Tuesday 23 rd October	Parent Lunch
Thursday 25 th October	Bags 2 School Collection
Thursday 25 th October	Flu Vaccinations Reception-Year 5
Friday 26 th October	Parent Assembly
Friday 26 th October	School closes for Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 6 th October	School Resumes for Half Term 2

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