

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

#### **SUMMER HALF TERM 2 – NEWSLETTER**

Welcome back after half-term. I would like to start by taking this opportunity to welcome three new children to our school - Scarlett, Phoenix and Sophia. I know that you will all make them very welcome as they make the village their new home. We are also really pleased to welcome Charlie's sister, Beatrice, into the Nursery.

There is lots going on this half-term, so please make sure that you keep an eye on the website, the noticeboard, emails and letters for information that is relevant to you.

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This half-term we will be going swimming at Willowburn (Years 1 to 6). The first week it will just be the Year 1s and Year 2s, as Key Stage 2 children are doing other things that afternoon. Key Stage 2 will resume swimming the second week back. Children going swimming will need to bring swimming kit. If your child is doing the cricket after school club on Thursdays they will also need to bring in their PE kit for this activity.

#### **Weather and Clothing**

Despite it now being summer the weather is still very changeable. It is really important that your child is prepared for wet weather and sunny weather EVERY DAY. As a result please make sure that your child has a full range of clothing etc. – sun cream, sun hats, waterproofs and wellies. It is particularly important that your child brings a coat in each day.

#### **Bikes and Scooters**

There have been several instances of children (including siblings) riding bikes, scooters etc. on the school site at drop off and pick up. 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.

#### **Changes to Pick Up Arrangements**

Please ensure that if there is a change to pick up arrangements at the end of the school day you phone and let us know. This includes last minute changes to arrangements. We will only release your child to the person that we are expecting to see.

#### **Beach School**

We will be continuing to attend Beach School every Friday. It is really important that your child has school PE kit with layers on underneath if it is cooler. Please ensure that named sun cream is in their bags, together with a water bottle. There are still some children who are not bringing in trainers as well as wellies. As it becomes drier, some of the activities that we do (particularly PE) might be done in trainers, so it is really important that they are in each Friday.



#### Communication

Important information, newsletters, diary dates, class pages and weekly school and class blogs are on the school website at <a href="https://www.embletonprimaryschool.com">www.embletonprimaryschool.com</a>. 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 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. Please ensure that we also have a back up number of at least one other person, that can act on your behalf if we are unable to contact you.

We now have a school twitter account, where we will aim to share some of the work that is being done in school. Please follow us - @EmbletonSchool.

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. The school can accept cash or cheques.

#### **Wraparound and Clubs**

In order for us to sort out staffing for next school year I would be grateful if you could let Melissa know if you intend to use wraparound care next September. Wraparound is available daily for all children from 7.30 am; and until 5.30 pm. Clubs will continue to run for all children in Reception-Year 6 between 3 pm and 4 pm from the second week back next term. Nursery children can access wraparound during clubs if necessary.

#### **School Transport**

Please could you let us know if you intend to use school transport for your child (Reception to Year 6) next September. Applications need to be made via the Northumberland County Council Website, but it is helpful if we have some idea about who / what we are expecting to happen!

#### **School Meals**

Due to rising costs we will be increasing the cost of school meals from September 2019, for the first time in over 3 years. From September the cost of a two-course hot meal will be:

Key Stage 2: £2.25
Nursery: £1.20
Parent / Carer Lunch: £3.50

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will continue to receive their lunch free as part of a government-funded initiative.



#### **Terracycle**

As a school we have signed up to recycle the following items. Please bring your items in to school and deposit them in the correct recycling boxes. For everything we send off we can redeem points to make a charitable donation towards our chosen charity the North of England Children's Cancer Research.



#### **Diary Dates**

Please find below diary dates. There have been some changes to Parent Worship, due to various people being unavailable - see below. Please note that things may change - check the school website for most up to date information.

**Kind Regards** 

Nicola Threlfall Head Teacher



### Diary Dates – Summer Half Term 2

Thursday 6th June	Y3-5 Glendale Countryside Day
Thursday 6th June	DCHS staff to meet Y6
Thursday 6th June	Y1-2 swimming at Willowburn
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> - Monday 10th June	Y6 Residential High Borrans
Wednesday 12th June	Parent Lunch 12pm
Thursday 13th June	Op Encompass Next Steps Domestic Violence drop in 8.30 am
Thursday 13th June	Y1-6 swimming at Willowburn
Wednesday 19th June	Y5-6 Anne Frank exhibition DCHS
Wednesday 19th June	School Sports Day 1.30-3pm
Thursday 20th June	Y6 Leavers Service Newcastle Cathedral
Thursday 20th June	Y1-6 swimming at Willowburn
Friday 21st June	Parent Worship 9am
Tuesday 25th June	Y3-4 Lifepath Brinkburn Priory
Wednesday 26th June	Y5 Maths Event DCHS
Wednesday 26th June	Sports Day back up day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1-6 swimming at Willowburn
Friday 28th June	Parent Worship 9am
Friday 28th June	All nursery children invited to Beach School
Monday 1st July	Y6 Transition Sports Event DCHS
Tuesday 2nd July	Parent Lunch 12pm
Wednesday 5th July	Y5/6 Robotics and Wizardry Event DCHS
Thursday 4th July	Transition Day (Y6 to DCHS)
Thursday 4th July	Y1-5 swimming at Willowburn
Tuesday 9th July	Book People Bus 9am-12pm
Thursday 11th July	Leavers Worship 9am (all parents invited)
Thursday 11th July	Y6 Leavers Parent Lunch 12pm
Thursday 11th July	Y1-6 swimming at Willowburn
Monday 15th July	End of Term School Trip
Wednesday 17th July	Y6 Transition Beach School Alnmouth
Thursday 18th July	Y1-6 swimming at Willowburn
Friday 19th July	No Beach School
Friday 19th July	End of Term 3pm