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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## **AUTUMN HALF TERM 2 – NEWSLETTER**

I hope that you have all had a good break over half-term, and that everyone is looking forward to this half term. This week I was delighted to receive the final report back from our SIAMS (church) inspection. We loved showing off our school to Mrs Hall, whose final report said that we were a 'good' school. The report is on the school website for those that want to read the full thing.

This half term we have a new child starting in year 6. We are delighted to welcome Lexi back to the school. She left us a few years ago, so it is fab that she is choosing to finish off her primary education with us. I know that you will all make her and her family welcome.

### **Children in Need**

This year Children in Need is being held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. We would like to ask the children to come in to school in either something spotty, or something yellow (or both!). We will be doing a class bake-off in the morning, and will then have a disco in the afternoon. We are asking for a donation to Children in Need of £1.50 to wear spotty / yellow clothes, and will be selling the bake-off cakes at the end of school (£1 per cake) - please bring / send your children in with money!

### **Weather**

As the winter draws in can I please remind everyone to make sure that their children are appropriately clothed for all eventualities. Please ensure that your child has wellies, and ideally waterproof trousers, in every day as this will mean that we can still go outside. Please make sure that your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves. In the event of ice, a path will be gritted round to the school entrance from the gates. Please ensure that you keep to the path. The school will not take responsibility for any injuries that occur if people do not keep to the path. In the event of snow we will make every effort to keep the school open. That said, if we need to close, information will be on the Northumberland County Council Website, and the school website. We will also endeavour to let you know via email.

### **Beach School**

We will be continuing to attend Beach School every Friday. Please ensure that children wear school PE kit to come to school. Please ensure that warm, waterproof coats, hats, waterproof trousers, and gloves (preferably waterproof) are available every week - there have been an increasing number of children (particularly Orcas) who are not coming prepared. 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. We also need the trainers in so that if we have to come back early we have something to wear on our feet!

### **Times Tables Rockstars and Reading Eggs**

Please ensure your child regularly goes on Times Tables Rockstars and/or Reading Eggs as appropriate. We have bought in to the schemes so that your children can practice at home as we know that regular practice will really help your children with their learning. If you are struggling to go on either scheme please let us know.

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### **Reading at Home**

Over the next few days we will be putting some different types of questions for you to ask your children when you listen to them read in your child's reading records. We hope it will give you some inspiration as to what to ask! Please ensure you continue to listen to your child read regularly, even if they are free readers.

### **Holidays during Term-time**

Please remember that it is really important that your child attends school every day that they can. As a school we cannot authorise days off during term-time, unless your child is sick, as time off during term-time is illegal in all but exceptional circumstances. More than the legality, though, is the fact that your child will miss out on important learning. All our lessons are carefully sequenced to ensure that new information is presented in small steps, and builds on the lessons that have gone before. If a child misses out on a week of learning, it means they do not have the building blocks in place for future learning.

### **Christmas Events**

As we move into the festive season please keep an eye on emails and letters regarding what is going on, what needs to be in school when etc.

### **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.

### **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.embletonprimaryschool.com](http://www.embletonprimaryschool.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 bookbags. 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@vincedwards.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@vincedwards.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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### **Funding to School**

There has been a number of articles in the media recently talking about how poorly funded schools are, and ours is no different.

Most schools charge parents for trips, swimming etc. In our school the PFA kindly raises money to ensure that the vast majority of costs are covered, so that we don't have to ask for extra. Additionally money from the PFA has helped to buy a number of resources for school, including Beach School. Without the income from the PFA your children's educational experience would be much poorer. I would like to express my thanks to the PFA, and all of you who support it by donating prizes and attending events.

I am also really grateful to the many community members who help out at school - from volunteers coming in to listen to readers, to our governors and local businesses, such as Mark and Lucia Bridgeman, who allowed us to do a fundraising event during their garden open day in the summer, Cussins who kindly ensured the road beside school was finally tarmaced, and Vickie and Mick at the Dunstanburgh Castle Hotel, where staff recently hosted a coffee morning with proceeds going to the school. If you know of anyone, or any other local business who would be able to support us then please let me know.

### **PFA**

There are a number of events coming up that the PFA would really appreciate manpower, donations of prizes and support. In particular the PFA would like the following:

- Manpower to help with the Morrisons Bag Pack - just an hour of your time would be great.
- Manpower to help with the Christmas Fair - people to help set up/man stalls
- Raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair, including asking local businesses for prizes
- Prizes and manpower for the Bingo in January.

There is a PFA meeting scheduled for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 8:45am. If you cannot attend then please let the office know if you are able to help out in any way.

Kind Regards

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## Diary Dates – Autumn Half Term 2

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	School Resumes for Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Lunch - Midday
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Interfaith Trip – Year 4/5. Durham County Hall
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	No Beach School
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Beach School.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Remembrance Service 9:30am held at the Pill Box / Lookout between North Farm and the Golf Club.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	No Beach School.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Yellow / Spotty Day and Bake Off Sale at 3pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Lunch - Midday
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	School Photographs - AM
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent Assembly – 8:45am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Parent Lunch – Midday
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Assembly – 8:45am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Morrisons Bag Pack 10am - 4pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play, Creighton Memorial Hall 1pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair, School Hall 3pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Party PM
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service, Holy Trinity Church 2pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Breaks for Christmas Holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School Resumes for Spring Half Term 1

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