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Monday 9th January 2023

### **Spring Term 1 Newsletter**

I hope that you have all had a great holiday, and that the children are starting to calm down after all the excitement! Thank you so much, from all the staff, for your fabulous gift. We are looking forward to having a lovely meal out together. We do appreciate your kindness.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome Miss Kiernan who has joined us to work in Starfish class from this term, and also to Miss Butler (who many of you will know as Mandy's daughter, Millie) who is placed with us for a few weeks as part of her teacher training.

#### **Illnesses**

There are a number of illnesses going around at the moment. If your child is unwell please keep them at home until they are feeling better. Please make sure that you call us or email the admin email address ([admin@vincentedwards.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@vincentedwards.northumberland.sch.uk)) by 9.00 am.

#### **Weather**

This is traditionally the half term where we may have 'snow days'. If we have to close the school building due to bad weather (or any other reason) we inform the Local Authority who put it on their website. We also put it on our website, and endeavour to send you an email to let you know. That said, now that we are all used to remote learning, if we do have to close the school building for any reason, we will not be stopping learning! We will, as soon as is practicable (and by 10 am at the latest), put work on Google Classroom or Tapestry as appropriate.

When coming into school if it is icy or snowy we will use the main door for all children to enter by. Please take care on the road/path outside school as it is not routinely gritted. Please ensure that your child has wellies, a warm coat, waterproof trousers, a hat and gloves in school every day. We will be going outside every break time, regardless of the weather.

#### **Fundraising**

Many of you will be aware that school funding, as with many public services, continues to be incredibly tight. As a school we are given a set amount of money per child that attends. Unsurprisingly, the amount that we get in has not gone up at the same rate as our costs and, as in every school, our staffing costs also come out of this single funding pot. Similarly, the increase in energy prices, transport costs for trips, and increased costs of resources continue to challenge. It is a continual struggle to balance the books, whilst at the same time providing your children with the quality of education they deserve. This is why I am incredibly grateful to the PFA for all the work they do fundraising, and why I am very thankful to all of you who support PFA events. The funds raised over the last year have helped fund trips and activities for all the children.

#### **PFA Bingo**

The PFA Bingo will be held at the Creighton Hall on Friday 17th February. Please donate any prizes (unwanted Christmas alcohol and chocolates always goes down well) to the school office.

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### Workshops

There will be a range of workshops this half term to help support you in your child's learning:

Tues 7 Feb 23 4.00-4.30 pm. Internet Safety Workshop (all parents)

Mon 13 Feb 23 4.00-4.30 pm. Year 6 SATS information (Year 6 parents)

Wed 15 Feb 23 2.00-2.45 pm. Embleton Curriculum (all parents)

### Class Worship

This half term's Class Worship will be led by Seal Class on Friday 10 February at 2.20 pm. Unfortunately, due to space constraints we can only invite Seal Class parents to attend.

### 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 we can take additional children on a short notice basis if you are stuck.

### PE – Puffin Class

This half term Puffin Class will be doing PE on a **Monday** afternoon. Please come into school in PE kit.

### PE - Seal and Orca Classes

We are going back to swimming for Seal and Orca classes! Swimming will take place on a **Monday** afternoon. Please come into school in **normal school uniform** and bring in a swimming costume and towel in a plastic bag. Those with long hair can use a swimming cap, but must be able to put it on themselves. Children can bring goggles (but only if they don't spend the entire swimming session fiddling around with them rather than using them properly!!) If a child has a verruca they can still go swimming, they just need to have a waterproof plaster over the affected area. If a child is unable to swim due to other reasons, they will be given different work to do instead.

### Beach School

We will be continuing to attend Beach School every **Wednesday**. 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 sure that your child has both wellies and trainers in school on Wednesdays, as if we do have to return, your child needs something to wear on their feet, other than wellies, in the classroom. There have been a number of children over the last term who consistently came in on a Wednesday without something - backpack, waterproof trousers (without rips), hat or gloves. Please make sure that your child has all the right equipment before they leave you on a Wednesday.

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### **Communication**

Important information, newsletters, diary dates, class pages and weekly school and class blogs are on the school website at [www.embletonprimaryschool.com/website](http://www.embletonprimaryschool.com/website) . 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 on occasions in bookbags. 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](mailto: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 to allow your child to continue to receiving school meals. Lunch money is due on the Monday for that week ahead. Please use the Parent Pay system to pay and ensure that your child's account remains in credit at all times.

### **School Applications**

If you have a nursery-aged child, please remember that you need to apply for a school place for Reception by Sunday 15th January. Let us know if you are having problems accessing the form online. You can access the application via the Northumberland County Council website.

Kind Regards

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