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Wednesday 6th September 2023

### **Autumn Half Term 1 Newsletter**

We hope that you had a fabulous summer. All the staff would like to thank you for the kind gifts you gave us at the end of last term - it is very thoughtful of you. We are looking forward to, and excited for, the new term. We have lots planned for the children.

### **Timings of the School Day**

Doors open at 8.30 am. Please ensure that your child comes in promptly, so that they can get on with their morning tasks. The doors will close at 8.40 am, by which time we expect all children to be in and starting their lessons. School finishes at 3.10 pm.

### **Parking at School**

Please do not use the side road to park or drop off your children at the beginning and end of the day. The road is required to be left clear so that the school taxis can safely embark and disembark children. Please try not to park on the main road below school, as it impedes two-way traffic - if at all possible please try and park on Front Street or Sea Lane.

### **Homework and Reading**

Homework and reading books will be given out on a Thursday each week. Homework is a key component of your child's learning process and is to be completed every week. Please see below for the homework expectations for your child. All children from Reception upwards should read at least 4 times a week to an adult.

### **Absences**

You may have seen in the media that the government is paying close attention to the number of absences from school that children have. If you are unsure whether you should send your child into school please give us a call and we can discuss it. In many instances a sniffle or disturbed night does not mean they need to be off school the next day.

### **Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)**

You may have seen in the media concerns about RAAC in schools. The question from the government was first posed to us in February 2019, and it formed part of a questionnaire that we had to fill in in early 2021, prior to an audit by the government of school real estate. Our school was not built using RAAC.

### **Parent Governors**

We have a current vacancy for a parent governor in school. If you are interested and would like to know more about what the role involves please get in touch and we can have a chat about it. Nominations for the role will close on 22 September. Please speak to Melissa if you would like a nomination form.

### **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.

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### Clubs

This term we are offering clubs Monday-Thursday starting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Please book your child/children into their club via payment on Parent Pay. All clubs must be selected and paid for before Monday. The children already booked into after school wraparound care (excluding Starfish) will automatically take part in the clubs detailed below.

Monday - Art Club (Puffins, Seals and Orcas)

Tuesday - Lego Challenge (Seals and Orcas); Multi-Sports Club (Puffins)

Wednesday - Newcastle United Football (Seals and Orcas); Junk Modelling Club (Puffins)

Thursday - Drama Club (Seals and Orcas); Lego Club (Puffins)

### PE

Puffins will be doing PE on **Mondays**. Please ensure that your child wears a school PE kit to school on Mondays.

Seals and Orcas will be doing PE with Newcastle United Foundation on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure that your child wears a school PE kit to school on Wednesdays.

### Beach School

This year we will be attending Beach School on **Fridays**. Please ensure that children wear school PE kit to come to school. We will be staying down at the beach at lunchtime. As ever, we will continue to 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. Please be aware that shower-proof cagoules are not sufficient as the weather turns more Autumnal! Additionally, can I please ask that the hats that are used do not have large bobbles on the top, as it is very challenging to put up hoods and keep heads warm and dry. Please make sure that your child has both wellies and trainers in school on Fridays, as your child needs something to wear on their feet, other than wellies, in the classroom.

### 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 as our primary means. Please make sure that if you change your email address or phone number, you let us know.

For those of you with children in Starfish Class, we will be continuing to use Tapestry to share information and send messages. For the rest of the school we will be using Class Dojo and Google Classroom.

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. Please avoid emailing Melissa directly as she does not work every day. A member of staff monitors the admin email address on the days when she is not in. **Please ensure that all notifications of absence/changes to pick up arrangements are sent to this email address only.**

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The school now has an Instagram account – Embleton primary. Please feel free to give us a follow!

**Payments to School**

Please ensure payments to school are made promptly. School meals are payable in advance and we are unable to offer credit. Please use ParentPay wherever possible to pay for items from school.

**Embleton Primary Fundraising Charity (EPFC)**

The EPFC Annual General Meeting and planning session for 2023-24 will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September in the Parish Church Rooms. All parents/carers are welcome to get involved.

**And finally...**

Thank you for all your support, as ever, and please remember that if you need any help, support or advice please speak to us and we will do our best to help you!

Kind Regards

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