



**Ebchester
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Primary School**

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Dear Parent,

We are very pleased to welcome all of the children back to school. Our fourteen Reception children are delightful and all of them have settled amazingly well into school life. We have two new starters in the rest of the school.

After School Clubs

The following clubs will start next week.

Monday: Gymnastics for Years 1 and 2 (**not on Sept 19th or October 17th**) led by a Leisureworks coach

Tuesday: Dodgeball for junior children led by a Leisureworks coach

Computing for Years 1 and 2 led by Mrs Clasper

Wednesday: Choir for junior children led by Mr Carr

Board games for Years 1 and 2 led by Mrs Sandhu

Clubs run by teachers finish at **4:00p.m.** Those run by Leisureworks finish at **4:15p.m.**

School Fund

School fund can be paid as follows: weekly - £1 per week (£38 per year); half termly - £6 per half term (£36 per year), termly - £11 per term (£33 per year) or yearly - £30. Cheques should be made payable to Ebchester CE Primary School. While we already subsidise school trips, those people who are up-to-date with school fund payments receive a further substantial reduction on the cost of any educational visits. **Please send this to school in a named purse or envelope.** (Your child should have brought home some complimentary small envelopes for this purpose yesterday. When you use the last one, simply write 'Last one' on it and we will send out replacements.)

Fairtrade Tuckshop

The tuck shop, which is held each Friday, will start next week. Only Fairtrade sweets and dried fruit are on sale and children may bring a maximum of £1 to spend each week. Prices start at about 40p for each item. Children are not allowed to eat the sweets in school. They must take them home to be eaten there.

Messy Church

Messy Church is held after school one Monday each month. The first session this year is on **Monday 19th September**. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsored Sports

This year we have decided to raise money for the school through fitness activities in the week commencing 19th September. This event will be the launch of our 'Daily 10 Minutes Run'. Following this date, children will all take part in a daily run which we believe will improve both fitness and concentration. Further details of the sponsored event will be sent out next week.

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Parent information board

We have a brand new information board in the entrance to the Sports Hall. On it you will find details of clubs, events and a copy of the latest newsletter. Please take time to read this on a regular basis to ensure you are up to date with school events.

School dinners (infant children only)

We have decided to send menus home with infant children so that parents can sit with their child and choose meals in advance. Please complete the slip attached to the menus for the next three weeks and send it back to school by this Friday. (Week 1 will be next week.) Just choose the main meal for each day. Sandwiches are usually cheese, ham or turkey. Please indicate which of these your child likes. This should enable you to make sure your child chooses something that you know they will like each day.

Packed lunches

May I remind parents that the only drink allowed with packed lunches is water. This was a decision of the School Council several years ago. As water is provided in the dining hall, it is not necessary to send in an extra drink with your child.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has an easily recognised water bottle at school. These are washed and refilled daily by our older children.

Book bags

It would be really helpful if those children who bring a school book bag to school could make it easily identifiable by using a keyring attached to the handle.

Swimming

Miss Edmunds' class have swimming lessons every Monday until October half term. The first lesson will be next Monday.

Year 4

From next Monday, children in Year 4 will come out of school unaccompanied. They will be told that if they cannot see the person who is picking them up at the gate, they must come back to the office.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 25th September - St Ebba's Harvest Festival in school. Our choir will be singing at the service.

Wednesday 28th September - School Harvest festival in St Ebba's Church.

Friday 30th September - School photographer to take individual and sibling groups. Younger siblings are also welcome.

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy Parry

Headteacher

