



Ebchester Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

Activity Trail

Our activity trail has now been completed and is ready to use! The children have had great fun on it today and I am sure you agree it is a great addition to the outdoor provision we have. Many thanks again to all of you who used your tokens to vote for us at Tesco last year – we would not have been able to purchase the equipment without the funding.



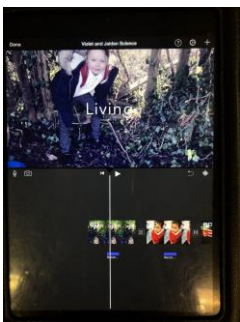
Class Information

Class Four

Class Four enjoyed learning about the history and traditions of Chinese New Year last week. We learnt the story of the monster that terrorised China until they chased it away with loud music, fireworks and covering everything in the colour red. We learnt that New Year is celebrated in China on the anniversary of China defeating the monster and they have a very long celebration each year! This year is the Year of the Pig so we all made some New Year cards for our family with a pig on. 新年快乐! Mr Carr



Class Three



Class 3 have had an exciting few weeks after finding a dragon egg on the school field! In Literacy we wrote a story about rescuing it and we are now writing an explanation text about how they hatch. In Design and Technology we have designed finger puppets and cut out felt shapes to match the designs- some children have started their sewing and the rest will be done this week. Finally, in Computing we have learned to use the iMovie app on the iPads to create a slideshow of pictures the children took themselves around school and also used the j2e paint software online to create a monster picture. Miss Edmunds

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Class Two

For the last half term in Class Two we have been learning about things that move. We researched, designed and are now sewing our own hand puppets. As you can imagine this is very challenging. In science we have been making our own switches for circuits and testing whether they work. This work was following our fantastic trip to the Locomotion in Shildon where we had a very busy/exciting day making our own vehicles which moved and raced. All teams worked extremely hard and it was a very close outcome. **Miss Rogers**



Class One

In Class One we have been continuing our topic work on South America. Children have researched their favourite countries and made some posters that will be put up on display. We are also going to be writing our Big Write's this week – they are going to be a persuasive advertisement for people to visit Brazil. We are going to be making some Brazilian cheese balls in Design and Technology this week. We tasted some different breads from around the world on Friday, this has helped us to think about the type of bread that we are going to be making. In music, we listened to a piece of music called 'No place like' by Kerry Andrew. We discussed the performance and the different sounds that were made throughout the piece of music. We have a busy week of assessments this week but I'm sure children will all work really hard and will be ready for a rest during half term. **Mrs Askell**

Cricket

Well done to our cricket team for reaching the finals of the Kwik Cricket competition which is being held tonight at the Louisa Centre. We wish the team lots of luck.

New Text Service

Due to difficulties in using the ParentPay text service, we have decided to return to Parentmail as our text service. We will continue to use ParentPay for all lunch and trip payments. Please ensure that you let us know if you change your mobile number.

Late Book

Registration closes at 9am every morning. If you are running late, and your child will be arriving at school later than 9am, they must have an adult bring them to the main school door to sign the late book. I appreciate your support with this matter.

Y5 Mini Police Visit

The Y5 pupils will be visiting the PSU training site on the morning of Friday the 15th February. The children will be transported by a Mini Police volunteer and will be accompanied by Mrs Atkinson. They will return in time for lunch. There will be no charge for this trip.

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Themed Lunches

Taylor Shaw, our school meal provider, has planned a Valentine's Day menu on Thursday 14th February. Please contact Mrs Phillips if your child usually has packed lunch and would like to try the themed lunch. The menu is attached for your information and lists the only meals available on the day.

Outstanding Balances – ParentPay

Could I ask if all outstanding balances for school meals be settled by Friday please? Many thanks.

Parking

Many thanks for all of the kind words of support for our Mini Police officers who have been monitoring parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Could I politely remind everyone that parking, or even stopping, on the zig-zag lines put our children's safety at risk and ask that you find a safer place to park? Many thanks.

School will close on Friday for half term and will reopen on Monday 25th February.

Yours sincerely,
Rachel Clasper
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