



Ebchester Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

We have all made a great start to the new half term and our new class topics. I hope, by now, you have had the opportunity to read your child's class leaflet which will explain everything that they will be working on in the coming weeks. I do know that we have lots of exciting things happening!

Activity Trail

Before Christmas, our School Council met to decide how to improve our outdoor play equipment. They selected an activity trail which will be located on the school field. All going well, the building work should begin on Monday and will take about a week. I am sure the pupils will let you know as soon as the trail is ready to be used!

Locomotion Museum trip – Class 2

The pupils in Class 2 will be visiting the Locomotion Museum in Shildon on Monday 28th January. Please ensure that your child has a packed lunch and full school uniform for the visit.

Reading at home

This half term, we having a big push on home reading. We would appreciate it if you could listen to your child read every night. There are rewards in school for those children who read frequently and have their planner signed and, more importantly, it makes a huge difference to the progress that the children make if they read at home. I appreciate your help with this issue.

KS2 SATs Parent Meeting

We have arranged for a parent meeting to discuss preparations for the KS2 SATs on the 29th January at 3.30pm. We warmly welcome all parents of Year 6 pupils to attend to find out a little bit more about the assessments in May and how the children prepare for them.

Forest School

The children have been bracing the cold to tackle lots of exciting activities in Forest School over the last few weeks. They have been learning about campfire safety and enjoying hot juice and marshmallows to keep out the cold! There was also much excitement when a mole invaded one of the sessions! The children then decided to build houses to try and tempt it out of its hole!

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Can I just remind parents to send hats, scarves and gloves - as well as extra layers, when it is icy or snowy. Thanks.

PE kits

Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school every day. Pupils should have their team t-shirt, black shorts and trainers or plimsolls. Unfortunately, we do not have enough spare PE kits to cover the pupils who currently do not have their PE kit in school. Many thanks.

Lost Property and Uniform Sale

We have a pile of lost property building up in school. If your child has lost a school jumper or cardigan, please feel free to call into school to look through the selection we have. The property that is remaining will be sold before and after school on Friday 25th January for a donation of 50p towards school fund. The sale will take place at the entrance the pupils use on a morning.

Class Information

Class Four

Class Four have loved the first couple of weeks of our Monsters and Dragons topic. We have been reading Where the Wild Things Are and making up our own stories based on the book. Reception have loved creating their own worlds for the wild things in our Small World tray using the natural resources in the classroom and they have been telling the story themselves using figures of the characters.

Year One have planned and written their own version of the story using the book as inspiration. Jacob in Year One wrote:

'A forest started to grow in my bedroom. I went to the wild things in a boat. I saw a wild thing and it had one arm. I had a piggy back ride on him! I went home and at home there was supper waiting.' **Mr Carr**

Class Three

This week in our Geography lessons we have been learning about what compasses are. We learned North, East, South and West and have done lots of jobs on giving and following these directions. In Literacy, we finished our character writing by describing a dragon that we created-there were some very interesting creatures! Finally, we have also enjoyed spending some time on our new app 'Times Tables Rock stars', even setting up our first battle between the boys and girls in our class. Everyone tried very hard and the girls were very pleased to win! **Miss Edmunds**

Class Two

Over the last few weeks in Class Two we have been extremely busy! The children have started their swimming lessons on a Friday afternoon. I'm pleased to inform everyone is doing great. We are now perfecting our dance routine for the dance festival on Thursday. In Topic we have been looking into different

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types of puppets and we are beginning to design our own hand puppet which we will making in the coming weeks **Miss Rogers**

Class One

We have started our new topic: South America. Children produced some great homework – I was amazed at all of the facts that they found out about South America. We have been learning about the different countries and rivers in South America. This week we have looked at the different climates across South America and located where they were on a map. We have also completed our 'Big Write' this week. Children wrote their own ending to the story that we are reading, 'Trash'. I am looking forward to reading all of those. **Mrs Aske**

Uniform

Can I remind you all that pupils are expected to wear the basic school uniform, which is: grey or black trousers or skirt; white polo shirt; red sweatshirt or cardigan and black shoes. Trainers are not acceptable footwear for the school day. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any issue regarding uniform.

ParentPay

Mrs Phillips has asked me to remind you that payment for school lunches must be paid each Monday and payments for breakfast and after school club should be paid prior to the session. Many thanks.

Cricket

Last night, our Y5/6 cricket team took part in the Derwentside Kwik Cricket competition. I'm very pleased to say that they won both matches and are now through to the final on Monday 11th February. Many thanks to all of the parents who turned up to support the team and, of course, well done to the team!

Yours sincerely,
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