



Ebchester Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

Class Information

Class Four

This week in our Maths lessons Class Four have been working on number and measurement. With our topic being Fire, the children were challenged to make their own flames out of different coloured paper. The Year One children had to use their knowledge of numbers to make flames of a length between two numbers, for example between 7cm and 11cm, and use a ruler to plan this length before making the flame. The Reception children had to work with a friend and cut out two flames. They had to measure them using blocks, say how long they were and which was the longest. **Mr Carr**



Class Three

This half term, Class 3 are covering the exciting topic 'Fire'. We have started to learn all about the Great Fire of London, writing a setting description about the houses on Pudding Lane, where the fire started. We know about how the fire was first set alight and why it spread so far; we will use all this information when we start writing our own newspaper reports in a few weeks' time! Today, we have also started use watercolour paints to blend colours and create a fiery background for some silhouette pictures of the London skyline. I'm sure the finished paintings will look fantastic! **Miss Edmunds**

Class Two

Since half term in Class Two we have started our new book of George's Marvellous Medicine, the children have been creating character descriptions about Grandma. We have had great fun listening to the ingredients of the medicine, which George has made. I did emphasise the warning given at the beginning of the book ' Do not try to make George's medicine yourselves at home. It could be dangerous' to all children! I take no blame for any lotions or potions they make! Following this, we have started learning about States of Matter in Science where the children have learned the particle properties of these elements. Rehearsals for our Christmas performance have begun with only 5 weeks to go, all children are sounding brilliant but we are working at getting into character! **Miss Rogers**

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Class One

This half term we have started our new topic, Private Peaceful. Children have been finding out lots of information about World War One, including the countries involved in the beginning of the war. We have begun gathering information about the reasons why the war broke out and are going to produce a newspaper article in computing. Some of Class One children took part in a Tag Rugby competition on Wednesday - the children seemed to have enjoyed this and came back very muddy. **Mrs Askill**

Tumbling Sessions

We were pleased to welcome Derwent Valley Tumbling Club to school yesterday to work with the pupils from Reception to Year 3. I know all of the pupils who took part had a great time. Ashleigh will be returning to school next Thursday morning to work with the rest of the junior pupils.



Children in Need Day

As you will already know, we have organised a special themed lunch to celebrate Children in Need on Friday 16th November. The School Council have also asked that we have a non-uniform day on the same day. The cost will be £2 and, of course, all money raised will go to Children in Need.

Safety Carousel

The Year 6 pupils will be taking part in a safety carousel activity at Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday 20th November. The bus will be leaving school at 8.45am and pupils will be back in time for the end of the school day. All pupils will need a packed lunch for the day. The workshops that will be included in Safer Futures Live Safety Carousel will be Fire Safety from the *Fire Service*, Unintentional Injuries in the home from the *NHS Foundation Trust*, Electricity Safety from *Northern Powergrid*, Internet Safety led by the *Police*, Road Safety from *Durham County Council* and also Water Safety from the *RNLI*.

Young Carers

Here in school we are aware that, as some young people grow up, they can become involved in caring for others at home. Our school council this week have been working on a school policy, which details how we can help young carers, and they have also made a display in the school. We have begun working with Family Action, The Bridge Young Carers Service, to start to raise awareness in all our children of the issues surrounding young carers and challenges they may face. If there is a young carer in your household, it is important that we know, in order to give additional support. There is a lot of information to help young carers and many people who can help. If you have any questions or would like to talk more about young carers and the help we can provide, please make an appointment to see Mr Carr who is our designated supporter for young carers.

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Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding our second book fair at the end of this month. Our book fair will be open from 27th to the 30th of November – 8:30am to 8:55am and also after school from 3:15pm to 4:00pm. There will be a wide range of books available with prices starting at £2.99. We will be holding a competition in school next week with the chance of winning one of five £5 vouchers to spend at the fair. Further details will be sent out next week.

PD Day

School will be closed for teacher training on Monday 26th November.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church session will be held on Monday 12th November – everyone is welcome.

Attendance

Class 3 – you are the winners this week with 100%. It's really great to see that the attendance in each class is above 95% - well done everyone!

<u>Class One</u>	<u>Class Two</u>	<u>Class Three</u>	<u>Class Four</u>
98.4%	99.2%	100%	96%

Forest School

We invited children from Ebchester Toddlers to take part in a Forest School session this week. Not deterred by the bad weather, they enjoyed exploring our woodland and making leaf necklaces before enjoying a snack in our outdoor classroom. **Mrs Stavers**

Shoebbox Appeal

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed to the shoebox appeal – whether that be gifts for the boxes or cash donations. The children will be putting the shoeboxes together on Monday 12th November so it's not too late to send in any last minute gifts. Ideas of what can be included in a shoebox can be found at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Yours sincerely,
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