



Ebchester Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

We were very pleased, this morning, to welcome all of the children back to school. Our seventeen Reception children are delightful and all of them have settled amazingly well into school life. We are also happy to welcome the pupils who have joined us from local schools– it is always lovely to have new pupils join us!

After School Clubs

The following clubs will start next week.

Infants

Wednesday: Playground Games with AE Coaching (4.15pm finish)

Thursday: IPad Club with Miss Edmunds

Friday: Eco Club with Mr Carr

Juniors

Tuesday: Football Club with Mr Collingwood (4.15pm finish)

Wednesday: Choir with Mrs Stavers

Thursday: Puzzle Club with Miss Rogers

Friday: Geography in the News Club with Mrs Askill

Clubs finish at **4:00p.m.**

After school club will run every night from 3.15pm until 4.30pm (£4) or 3.15pm until 5.30pm (£8). Please contact Mrs Phillips to book a place.

New Staff

We are fortunate to have two new members of staff joining our team this term. Mrs Lorraine Hall will be working alongside Mrs Askill in the Reception class and Miss Kayleigh Salmon will be leading our after school club. We are delighted to be able to welcome them to our team!

Fairtrade Tuckshop

The tuck shop, which is organised by our Class One pupils, will start on Friday next week. Fairtrade sweets and biscuits are on sale and children may bring a maximum of £1 to spend each week. Prices start at 60p for each item. Children will bring any sweets or biscuits they buy home to eat.

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Forest School

Our Forest School sessions will begin again next week. Could you please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and pair of wellies in school on their Forest School day?

Monday: Class 4

Tuesday: Class 1

Wednesday am Class 3

Wednesday pm: Class 2

Holidays during term time

As many of you will know, holidays during school time are only granted under exceptional circumstances. This academic year, any parent wishing to take their child out of school for a holiday must complete a holiday request form. These forms can be downloaded from the school website or collected from the school office.

Attendance

Following recommendations from Durham County Council, we have changed our definition of 'good attendance' to **97%**. Throughout this year, we will be promoting good attendance and reducing absence, including persistent absence. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and that any absences, due to illness, are reported promptly to Mrs Phillips.

Improvements to the School Building and Classrooms

Work has taken place of the summer break to install a new security entrance and hatch at the entrance of the school. That work is almost complete and we hope to be up and running by the end of the week. The Reception classroom and the Y1/2 classroom have now been refurbished and are looking great!

Nut Free School

We have two pupils joining our Reception class in September who have severe nut allergies. Could I politely remind you that we are a nut free school and no products containing nuts should be included in packed lunches? I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Dinner Money

Dinner money, for junior pupils, is £10.25 per week (£71.75 for the half term). Mrs Phillips has asked me to remind you that dinner money and breakfast/ after school club should be paid using ParentPay in full each week.

School Fund

We rely on school fund donations for a lot of school activities and resources. There are a number of ways to pay school fund: £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. Again, payments can be made using ParentPay. Many thanks.

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Messy Church

Messy Church is held after school one Monday each month. It usually includes: creative time to explore a Biblical theme through getting messy; a celebration time which might involve story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a meal together. Messy Church is open to all pupils – all we ask is that any pupil under 8 is accompanied by an adult. The first session this year is on **Monday 16th September**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Class One Swimming

Mr Carr's class have swimming lessons every Friday afternoon until the end of term (Christmas). The first lesson will be this Friday (6th September). Pupils will need: swimming costume (not a bikini or loose fitting shorts), a towel and goggles.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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