



# Ebchester Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

## Class One Assembly

Class One would like to invite their family and friends to their assembly on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 9.15am. As part of the assembly, they will describe what they have been working on this half term and describe some of the extra activities that they have taken part in. There will also be an opportunity to share a coffee, tea or juice with the pupils.

## Curriculum Intent

Over the last few months, we have been updating our Curriculum Intent – that is what we expect children to learn during their time at Ebchester CE Primary School. Of course, we follow the National Curriculum but, in addition to this, we hope to target the following areas:

- To provide a nurturing and supportive school community where all children feel safe, happy and keen to learn.
- To deliver a curriculum that allows our children to progress in skills, knowledge and understanding across a broad and balanced range of subjects.
- To provide our children with a range of experiences beyond the classroom and school setting, that enhances both their understanding of the curriculum and their personal development.
- To support the development of children's resilience when faced with challenge
- To foster a love of outdoors in our children
- To develop our children's skills as enquiring, problem solving and independent (confident) learners.
- To reveal to children an understanding of how our core Christian values and the Christian faith influence our actions and ethical choices.
- To allow our pupils to recognise the importance of being a responsible citizen in our own communities and the wider world.

Further information will be added to our website under the curriculum tab over this term. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Attendance

Well done Class One – you are the winners this week.

<u>Class One</u>	<u>Class Two</u>	<u>Class Three</u>	<u>Class Four</u>
100%	98.3%	94.7%	92.8%

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## Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on the first week back after the half term break on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** from 1:30pm to 5:30pm. Additional sessions will be available for Class One and Class Two pupils on the morning of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 9:10am to 10am. Lists for appointments will be posted in the sports hall entrance on Monday and you are invited to complete these. Older children can, with your permission, add their names to the list. Mrs Phillips will also add names if you ring school. If you have to see more than one teacher, please do not choose consecutive slots in case a teacher is running late.

## Shoebox Appeal

We are again collecting items to fill shoeboxes as part of Operation Christmas Child. We will again pack the shoeboxes here in school so all we ask is that you choose some items from the lists and send them to school by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. If you would prefer to contribute towards the £5 shipping and project charge per box, we would be very grateful. All children will have the opportunity to help to decide which gifts should be packed in each shoebox. This is a very worthwhile charity which helps to teach children the joy of giving.

## Robinwood Residential Meeting (Y4/ 5 and 6)

A parents' meeting has been arranged for the **15<sup>th</sup> October** at **3.30pm** to inform you of what the trip will entail and the range of activities which will be available.

## Botanical Garden Trip – Class One

A visit to the Botanic Garden in Durham has been arranged for the children in Class One on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. As part of the full day trip, the pupils will take part in a guided tour with the head gardener. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and a packed lunch on the day.

## Phonics Evening

There will be a phonics presentation in the Infant classroom on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm. The presentation should only take 30 minutes and Reception pupils will be able to use Miss Salmon's after school club free of charge.

## Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our sponsored walk this week at Derwent Reservoir. Please send in any sponsor money as soon as possible. Many thanks.

## Messy Church

Our next Messy Church is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. This month we are exploring one of St. Paul's letters which was written from prison. Amongst other things, we'll be doing various crafts, making a prison cell with bars, sword bookmarks, a soldiers helmet and other things. Come along and join the fun.

At the end there will be a light meal to enjoy. There is no charge, but a small donation is very welcome. Messy Church is for families to come together to have fun making things, hearing Bible stories and sharing a meal together. All children are welcome to join us whether you've been before or not. Pupils under eight need a parent/ carer with them. Join us in Ebchester School Hall as soon as you can after school finishes.

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## Class Information

### Class Four

Class Four have had a busy week. On Monday, children enjoyed a tennis session with one of the coaches from Shotley Bridge. On Tuesday, we all took part in the sponsored walk at the Derwent Reservoir. Everybody had lots of fun, even if feet did get a little bit wet in the giant puddle. At the end of the walk, all of the children enjoyed playing in the park. We had a fantastic day! Our theme at school this week has been all about autumn, we have learnt all about the colours, what happens during autumn and made some lovely pictures with the leaves from out in the playground.

Class Four have an amazing classroom filled with lots of new furniture, but our outside area needs a little bit of love. If anyone has any items that could be donated and used in the outdoor area that would be great. We are looking for items such as crates, tyres, pipes etc. **Mrs Askeff**

### Class Three

Class 3 have done lots of RE work this week. They have listened to and retold the story of The Lost Son, thinking about how the main character was feeling at different points. We then talked about the hidden messages behind the story and what we could learn from it. They had some brilliant ideas. On Tuesday afternoon Class 3 also really enjoyed having PE with Mr Collingwood where they practised their catching skills. **Miss Edmunds**

### Class Two

Class Two have enjoyed their second lesson learning the clarinet this week. We learned how to put the instrument together and then learned how to play our first note. The children thoroughly enjoyed a tennis lesson with a coach on Monday and then an afternoon of PE with Mr Collingwood on Wednesday. Next week we are beginning our DT project. If any of Class Two children have a pop-up story book feel free to bring them in. **Miss Rogers**

### Class One

Class One have loved learning about UFOs and conspiracy theories over the last two weeks. Last week we learnt about the Roswell UFO crash in 1947 and the release of the 'Alien Autopsy' film in 1995. This week we have been making our own conspiracy theories about an alien crash landing into school! We wrote newspaper articles about the crash and edited photos of the school to make it look like the crash really happened!

Our aim is to spread the conspiracy theory around the school and around Consett so if anyone asks you about an alien crash landing at Ebchester CE Primary school... it's true! **Mr Carr**

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## Parking

After an incident this week, can I remind parents who are picking up and dropping off pupils to not park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines. They are there to protect our pupils and make the roads around the school safer. I am sure you will agree that the safety of our children is more important than parking close to the school. I appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

## Admissions

Applications for places in our Reception class for September 2020 are now open. If you or anyone you know is interested in a place, please contact Mrs Phillips in the school office to arrange a tour. All applications must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## Important Christmas Dates

I know it is only October but our Christmas dates are already in the diary!

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December (2pm) – Junior Performance

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December (2pm) – Infant Performance

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Coffee morning and Cake Sale (along with pupil presentations)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle and Carol Service (tbc)

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

Yours sincerely,

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