



Ebchester Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

Let me say a belated welcome back to school! We have all made a great start to the new half term and our new class learning.

Class One – Great North Museum Trip

As part of their science work on Earth and Space, Class One will be visiting the Great North Museum in Newcastle on Thursday 23rd January. They will need a packed lunch and will return to school for the end of the day. There is no charge for this visit.

Curriculum Leaflets

Please find attached the new curriculum leaflet for your child for this half term. The leaflet includes details of everything that they will be working on in the coming weeks. I do know that we have lots of exciting things happening!

Class Information

Class Four

Our new theme in Class Four is 'Can I Switch it on?' We have been looking at lots of different things that require a switch to turn them off and on. In Maths, we have been focusing on the numbers 6, 7 and 8 and really unpicking them to make sure we have a good understanding of them. We have been doing a range of practical activities to help us understand. In Literacy, we have read the story 'Robo-Snot' and have been doing lots of robot themed activities about this. I have been really impressed with all of the writing that children have been doing this week. They have even been trying to do this independently. Well done Class Four! **Mrs Aspell – Key Person**

Class Three

This week Class 3 have read the book 'The Whales' Song' and written character descriptions of one of the characters, Uncle Frederick. We have also looked at lots of portrait artists including Da Vinci and Picasso. Next week we will be painting a self-portrait in the style of Andy Warhol. Finally, in History, we have been learning about the Vindomora Roman fort. We have drawn and labelled a roman fort- all children will be able to tell you more about this! **Miss Edmunds**

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Class Two

It was our first session of swimming last week and I was so proud of the attitude of all children. This week we have been learning how to say the names of different fruits in French, and give our opinions of them. Very impressive! Also, we have begun our history focusing on Ancient Egypt. It was interesting to hear what the children knew already! And I am sure it will be another busy week next week. **Miss Rogers**

Class One

Over the last two weeks, Class One have really enjoyed our Science lessons on Earth and the Solar System. We started out by plotting the Solar System to scale on the playground with toilet paper! We used a scale of one piece of toilet paper equalling 20,000,000km and worked out where each planet would be. After this, we learnt about the planets individually and how they orbit the Sun. This week, after the Homework activity, we learnt about famous scientists from history and their theories about how the Universe was structured. **Mr Carr**



Parent- Teacher Association – First Meeting

We will be holding our first Parent Teacher Association meeting on Tuesday 21st January at 9.15am in the school hall. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us!

Reception Audio Checks

The school nurse will be visiting school on the 31st January to carry out the audio checks for the pupils of those parents who have registered.

Class 4 - St. Ebba's Visit

As part of their topic 'Baptism', the pupils in Class 4 will be visiting St. Ebba's Church on Wednesday 22nd January. Rev. John will be there to talk about the Baptism service and what is involved.

Attendance

After a half term where our attendance figures dropped dramatically, it is fantastic to see that our percentages are back where they should be. 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>
99.3%	98.8%	99%	94.4%

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Paypal

Could you please ensure that you are up to date with all payments for Breakfast Club and After School Club? Payments should be made on the day the club is being attended. Unfortunately, when an outstanding balance reaches £20, pupils may not be able to attend the clubs until the balance is paid.

Water Bottles

Could you please ensure that water bottles in school are only used for water and not juice? I appreciate your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Rachel Clasper
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