



Ebchester Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

As we move towards the final week of the summer break, I thought I would get in touch with some information you might find useful for the start of the academic year. As always, if you have any queries about the information included in this newsletter, please get in touch.

Starting Date

We look forward to welcoming back the pupils to school on Tuesday 5th September. School doors open at 8.40am and registration is at 8.45am – please ensure your child is in school for this time to prevent a late mark. Collection time at the end of the day is 3.15pm – Reception and KS1 pupils in the yard and KS2 pupils at the school gate. **Reception pupils can be collected from the school yard on the 5th September at the earlier time of 3.00pm.**

Arbor App

As you will know, we had a number of issues with the Arbor app before the summer break. Please do not be concerned if you still have not been able to access the app. Miss Weatherall is working with Durham County Council and the team at Arbor to ensure that the issues are dealt with prior to our return in September and will send out further information on Tuesday 5th September.

Attendance

Attendance is an important issue in every school. I have attached the school Attendance Policy for your information – please take the time to read through the document. Our school target is 97% attendance for all pupils- this equates to around 6 days absence from school over the academic year.

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
97% (school target)	6 Days	1 Week	20 Lessons
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	40 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	80 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	120 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	160 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	200 Lessons

Uniform

You will find the school uniform list below. There is no need for the sweatshirt or cardigan to have the school logo. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate uniform and footwear (not trainers) on their return to school.

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- Grey or black trousers or skirt
- White polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black shoes (not trainers).

PE Kit

All pupils should have their PE kit in school – black shorts, team t-shirt and plimsols. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is available in school from Tuesday 5th September when PE sessions will recommence.

Mrs Smith

Our congratulations go out to Steph (Miss Rogers) who married her fiancé, Tom, at the beginning of the summer holidays. She will use her married name – Mrs Smith – when we return to school next week.

Holidays 2023/24

Please find attached the holiday dates for this academic year. The dates can also be found on the school website.

Peanut Allergy

Can I politely remind you that we have pupils in school with severe peanut allergies? Please do not send any food that contains or may contain peanuts in your child's packed lunch. Many thanks.

After School Activity Clubs

Details about the After-School Clubs for the autumn term will be shared on the 5th September. We hope that the issues with Arbor will have been dealt with by then and that you will be able to book your child's place via the app. Clubs will start the week beginning the 11th September.

Y5/6 Swimming

Y5/6 pupils will start their swimming lessons on Wednesday 6th September. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school each Wednesday – Many thanks.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast Club and After School Club will restart on the 5th September. If you would like to book a place at either or both clubs, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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