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Dear Parents/Carers,

Updates to Newsletter

Annual Easter Egg 'Eggstravaganza'

Just to remind you that we shall once again be having our annual Easter Egg painting competition on the last day of term – Friday 7th April.

Please could pupils bring in to school '2' hard boiled eggs and any equipment/accessories they would like to use for the competition? The assembly of their egg must be completed entirely in school. There will be prizes for the winning egg in each class.

Special request: Could Class 1 and Class 2 pupils bring their eggs and other items into school on Monday 3rd April in order to complete their eggs by Friday.

We will provide all paints, glue, coloured pens and paper required to help pupils complete their designs.

Non-Uniform Day & Cake Sale

We are also holding a non-uniform day and cake sale on the last day of term (Friday 7th April) to raise funds for our chosen charity this term – the Great North Air Ambulance. Please could pupils bring a suggested donation of £1 for not wearing their uniform and perhaps 50p to buy 1-2 small cakes?

We would be grateful for any donations of cakes, buns or other items to sell on the day for this worthy cause.

Secondment of Mr Jones

The LEA have once again approached our Governing Body to request the release of Mr Jones to support a school, currently without a Head teacher, during the summer term. This request has been agreed and Mr Jones will spend 50% of his time during the summer term here in Coxhoe and 50% of his time at Benfieldside Primary school in Consett. This will mean that Mr Jones will be in Coxhoe every Thursday, Friday and alternate Wednesdays until the end of the summer term.

During his days of absence Mrs Bartle (Deputy Head teacher) will be responsible for the day to day management of the school.

Changes to the school day for after Easter holidays

As previously discussed the start and finish times for our school day will change after the Easter holidays.

I can confirm that these changes will be:

Start of school day for ALL pupils: 8:45 am (School gates will open from 8:35 am and pupils can enter school; the register will close at 8:50 am and any pupils arriving after this time will be marked late).

End of school day for EYFS & KS1 pupils (classes 1 – 5): 3:15 pm

End of school day for KS2 pupils (classes 6 - 10): 3:30 pm

After school clubs will end at 4:15 pm for KS1 and 4:30 for KS2 pupils. If pupils are doing sporting after-school clubs they will be able to get into their PE kits whilst other pupils collect bags/coats etc in order to ensure they have the full hour for the activity session.

Breakfast clubs times for pupils will now be 7:40 am – 8:40 am or 8:10 – 8:40 am with prices remaining the same for the rest of the summer term.

A big thank you to those parents and carers who contacted me about the changes to the school day. These views have been taken into account in making a decision for the whole school. We will however review these new arrangements at the end of the summer term and if any adjustments are necessary or problems arise then these can be put in place for the start of the new academic year in September.



Collecting pupils at the end of the school day

Please could parents/carers waiting for KS1 & Reception pupils wait on the yard in front of the shelter and not alongside the wall near our pupil entrance? This would greatly assist staff in spotting you during handover. It would also be helpful that if a child has to re-enter school, for an item they have left behind, that you either accompany them or let the teacher know they have re-entered the school as once the original handover has occurred each child then becomes their parent/carers responsibility.

Scooter and Bikes being brought to school

Unfortunately we have recently had an expensive scooter stolen from our bike/scooter rack. The police have been informed about this theft and are currently investigating. Please could we remind all parents that any bike or scooter placed in the rack should be chained or locked to avoid this happening in the near future?

If pupils would like to bring their helmets into school for safe keeping then they can do and will be stored in the pupil's classroom. All pupils must wear a helmet if bringing a bike/scooter to school. This is a condition of being able to use this facility.

Unfortunately, it is also the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that any items a pupil brings to school are covered by their own personal/household insurance policy. Our school insurance policy does not cover these items for damage or in the event that an item is stolen.

End of term – PE bags & lost property

Please could you remind your children to collect their PE bags at the end of term? Also if your child has lost any property over the last term then we shall put our lost property in the school hall for 'collection' at home time on Friday 7th April.

Building work during the Easter holidays

You will notice that contractors will return to the school site over the Easter holidays to complete snagging from our recent extensions to the school building. This will include removing and replacing the new playground, rectifying some flooding issues on the school field, internal plumbing works and replacing the carpet in Class 3. We hope this will get to the bottom of the snagging list!

Kind regards,

Mr S Jones

