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Monday 1st November 2021

AUTUMN HALF TERM 2 – NEWSLETTER

We hope you had a lovely half-term break - can you believe that it is less than 8 weeks until Christmas?! Despite all that is going on in the wider world, we still plan on this being a busy half term, with lots for the children to be doing in the run up to the holiday season.

I would like to welcome Miss Brown, Miss Gray and Miss Bolam who will be working in Orca, Puffin and Starfish respectively as part of their teacher training for most of this half term.

Covid-19

We will continue to monitor the situation as things develop, and will continue to assess the risks, and amend procedures as appropriate. Please ensure that if your child is self-isolating as a result of having symptoms, waiting for a test result, because someone in your house has symptoms, or because they have been told to do so by an external agency, you tell us immediately (even at the weekend). This allows us the maximum amount of time to switch to online learning for your child, and ensures that all other procedures are followed in a timely manner. As you will have seen from the letter from the Director of Education and Skills, we have been asked to ensure that our procedures continue to minimise risks. We are doing this by continuing to implement the following measures:

- Puffins and Starfish do not come in to contact with Seals and Orcas during the school day.
- Thorough daily cleaning.
- Windows remain open in classrooms. Please think about how to ensure your child can stay warm inside.
- All children spend break times and lunch times outside. It is vital that your child has wellies, waterproof trousers and a coat in every day. Please try and avoid hats with large bobbles/ears/unicorn horns etc on, as these prevent children from wearing a hat when their hood is up.

Dropping off and Picking Up

The B1339 is a very busy road and we have become increasingly conscious of road safety for the children as they leave school to get into cars parked all along the road. The Parish Council have also requested that people try to avoid parking on the main road where possible. Therefore, we would like to request that all parents transporting their children to and from school, park on the wide road at the top of Sea Lane then walk down the side of the school to pick up / drop off. This leaves the front of the school clear for the school buses and is a much safer option than children exiting onto a busy road. Could I ask that children are discouraged from climbing on the walls around the school, or the neighbouring houses.

Wraparound

We continue to offer wraparound care from 7.30 am, and until 5.30 pm. Please speak to Melissa if you would like to book any sessions. We prefer bookings in advance, although can take additional children on a short notice basis if you are stuck.

Mrs Threlfall: Head Teacher

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End of Term Festivities

We are planning on trying to make the Christmas festivities as 'normal' as possible, but recognise that the local situation with regards to Covid-19 may prevent this from happening. Our plan is to hold a nativity performance, have Christmas parties in school, have Christmas lunches, and hold a Christingle service in church on the last day of term.

Christmas Cards

We have again, this year, created Christmas cards for you to buy, together with a range of other printed products. For each item purchased the school gets a proportion of the amount charged. These valuable funds help to purchase resources for the classrooms. Look out for the proofs to come home soon.

PE – Years 1 to 6

PE will continue to be on a Thursday afternoon, so please ensure that your child is wearing PE kit on a Thursday. We will try and get outside where possible, so make sure that your child wears a hoody, joggers and trainers.

Parent Consultations

You should have received an invite to book an online parent consultation appointment with School Cloud. If you have not yet received one, please check your junk folder. If you are struggling to book one, please let us know.

Beach School

We will be continuing to attend Beach School every Friday. Please ensure that children wear school PE kit to come to school. With the weather closing in, we will continue to assess the weather and conditions each week, and will adjust our sessions accordingly, whether that be by working in the dunes, going to a sheltered spot on the beach, going down slightly later, or coming back earlier. Please be aware that shower-proof cagoules are not sufficient at this time of year! Please make sure that your child has both wellies and trainers in school on Fridays, as your child needs something to wear on their feet, other than wellies, in the classroom.

Communication

Important information, newsletters, diary dates, class pages and weekly school and class blogs are on the [school website](#). Please use this as your first port of call for finding the information you need. If there is anything else you would like to see on the website please let us know. We will continue to send out information mainly via email. Please make sure that if you change your email address or phone number, you let us know. If you would like to speak to a member of staff please either catch us at the beginning or end of day, email us (admin@vincentedwards.northumberland.sch.uk) or give us a call. Please make sure that emails go to the admin address rather than Melissa directly, as she doesn't work every day, so doesn't always read your email immediately.

Payments to School

Please ensure payments to school are made promptly. This is particularly important for lunch money. Lunch money is due on the Monday for that week. The school can accept cash or cheques

Kind Regards,
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