



13th March 2015 Newsletter

Ofsted report

You should now have received a copy of the report, following our Ofsted Inspection on 24th and 25th February. The staff and governors are delighted with the overall judgement of good, which reflects the combined efforts of pupils, parents, staff and governors.

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools

The school was inspected yesterday Thursday 12th March by Mary Cook, a serving Headteacher at Egglescliffe CE Primary School. Thanks to all children, parents, staff and governors who painted a true and accurate picture of our lovely school. The report will be available to parents in the next couple of weeks.

Outdoor Adventure Day

Children had a fantastic time on Monday 9th March, when they were visited by Ian Hopper. They learned how to read maps, took part in orienteering, team building and had a cracking time learning outdoors, despite the rather dull and drizzly weather! Thanks to one of our governors, Sue Ewing, for assisting on the day. I would very much welcome feedback from parents to see if you would like this to become a regular event each half term. Please send feedback to Cath.Newson@northumberland.gov.uk Thank you. Please look at the school website to see photos of the day.

Taxi collection

If your child usually travels to school by taxi but is being collected by another parent or yourself, please inform your taxi driver and let us know in the morning by phoning school in the morning. The same applies if your child usually travels to school with a parent and is going home with a different adult. Thank you.

Mothers' Day, 15th March

We would like to encourage as many families as possible to attend the Mothering Sunday Service at St Peter's Church Humshaugh at 9.30am this Sunday morning. Children have made gifts to present to their mums.

Lost Property

We have a growing collection of lost property, much of which is not named. All items will be displayed in the hall on the last day of term. Please come and claim them if they belong to your child as they will be sent to be recycled after this date.

Parentmail

I have had a request from a parent to see if we can set up a response system for emails sent via Parentmail and I will look into this. In the meantime, if you need to ask anything, please just drop me an email (see address above). Hard copies of letters requiring permission will still be printed. Teaching Assistants will check bookbags of children in Class 1 and Year 2 but by Year 3 and 4 we expect that children will take responsibility for handing in letters to Mrs Long.

Lunch Money

Mrs Rowcroft has asked me to remind you that lunch money from Easter to May half term will be £50. Cheques should be made payable to Northumberland County Council.

Bags 2 School

A reminder that these will be collected at 9am on Wednesday 18th March.

Praise You!

This will take place on Thursday 26th March at 9.15am. Parents and families are welcome to see what the children have been learning this term.

Open Afternoon

We will be holding an open afternoon for existing and prospective parents on Thursday 30th April between 1.30 and 3pm. If you know of families in your village or the local area with prospective pupils, please encourage them to come along and see our wonderful school in action. Thank you!

Other dates for your diary.

Monday 9th March: Outdoor Adventure day with Pinpoint Adventure. Details to follow.

Tuesday 21st April: Pub Quiz in the Crown in aid of Humshaugh First School. **Postponed until June.**

Thursday 26th March: post Ofsted and SIAMS party for Newbrough and Humshaugh children and staff. Humshaugh to host. Party lunch will be provided by Mrs Bridges at the usual cost of £2 per child.

Kind regards,
Cath Newson (Headteacher)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5)