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## **Weekly Update** **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Dear Families,

A Happy New Year to you all! I hope everyone had a lovely and relaxing holiday. It has been lovely to welcome all children back to school for the start of a new year. All children have settled in well this week and have been working hard and enjoying getting back into their school routines.

This is the first of my Weekly Updates, each week you will receive a communication with information and reminders as well as key dates. It has been a very busy week for me as I settle into my new job and I have been enjoying spending time in classes and getting to know the children. I am looking forward to an exciting year and all that 2024 may bring!

### **Return to School Reminders**

- Please remember to order your child's meals for the week ahead.
- With the wintry weather all children should come to school with a warm waterproof coat and a hat and gloves to keep warm and cosy.
- iPads need to be brought into school fully charged.
- Clearly labelled water bottles will be necessary so please ensure your child has one made available each day.

### **P.E Days**

PE days remain the same for this term and are as follows:

<b>Monday</b>	P6B, P7A
<b>Tuesday</b>	PIA, PIB, P4, P7C
<b>Wednesday</b>	PIA, PIB, P2A, P2B, P3A, P6A, P7B,
<b>Thursday</b>	P2A. P2B, P3A, P3B, P4/5, P5

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### Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Caroline Winson as our new Pupil Support Assistant. Mrs Winson is no stranger to our school as she currently works in our school kitchen and is looking forward to starting with us next week.

### Mobile Phones

We recommend that pupils do not bring mobile phones to school. We appreciate that at times older pupils may require them for after school communication. Should your child bring their phone to school they must be named and handed into the school office during registration for safe keeping. Please note the school cannot accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of mobile phones.

### Attendance Matters Month

January is our Attendance Matters Month. This month the Senior Leadership Team will be reviewing attendance of all children and will be identifying those who are a cause for concern. We will be monitoring attendance closely this month to look for improvements.

Regular attendance is a contributory factor to pupils reaching their potential in school and helps to promote a sense of 'belonging' within a class and social group.

We monitor attendance on a weekly basis and those children whose attendance falls below 90% becomes a cause for concern.

90% Attendance is roughly the equivalent of:

½ a day off per week,

19 days off per year,

247 days off over a school career of 13 academic years,

**Which is equivalent to over 1 year lost education**

**Consider what this equates to for 80% and 70% attendance.**

Attached to this week's update is our 'Every School Day Counts' guidance.

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### After School Club

Letters have been sent home to P2, P3 & P4 classes this week giving details of the new after school club block. Mrs Moscrop and Miss Martin will be running Board Games Club from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January continuing to the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. If your child would like a place, please ensure letters are returned by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### Morning Drop Off

A reminder that our playground is supervised from 8:35am in the morning. Children should not arrive before then unless attending breakfast club or wake and shake. During wet weather we would recommend that children arrive as close to the bell as possible and make their way to their entrance door.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is on every morning from 8.00am to 8.35am and costs £1 per day parents Please ensure you book your child in on ParentPay at least 24 hours in advance and for a Monday before 9.00am the Friday before.

### Rights Respecting School Award

The Unicef UK Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) supports schools across the UK to embed children's human rights in their ethos and culture. There are 42 separate rights known as Articles. The award recognises achievement in putting the UN Convention on the Right of the Child (UNCRC) at the heart of a school's practice to improve well-being and help all children realise their potential.

We are delighted that we have successfully achieved our Bronze Award for our rightsrespecting work. Over the course of this academic year we will be working towards achieving our Silver Award status. This will mean we will be working to uphold the UNICEF values, based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

We are very proud of the very positive and encouraging ethos of our school. The pupils, staff and parents feel that the school is a welcoming and supportive environment for all and we aim to continue to build on this through our work as a Rights Respecting School.

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### Dates for your Diary

<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last day for pupils
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Eyemouth Cluster Holiday
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	February Holiday
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	In-service Day
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Pupils return to school
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last day of Term

### Communication

To get in touch, or find out further information, please use the following channels:

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Follow us on Facebook @EyemouthPrimary

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Use the Xpressions App

We will continue to regularly communicate information through our Facebook and X pages.

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### And Finally

This week during Assembly I set the whole school the 'Awesome Year Challenge' asking everyone to make 2024 the best year ever! I hope everyone has a wonderful year and wish you all an awesome 2024!



Kind Regards



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