



# **King Edwin Primary School**



## **January 2026 Newsletter**

### **New Play Equipment**

You will be aware that work is taking place to install some play equipment on the school field. We are delighted to finally be able to make use of some of this space and hope to be able to open it soon for the children to play on. There are also further works taking place in other areas of the school to create more usable, outside space for the children. We apologise for any inconvenience that may occur whilst this is taking place and we hope that it will be worth the wait!

### **School closures**

We will always try, as far as possible, to keep the school open in the case of bad weather. We understand the impact that school closures can have on families and the inconvenience that they cause. However, should it be the case that we have to close the school we will announce this, in the first instance, on our Facebook page, which can also be viewed by those without an account, on our website. We will also inform Northumberland County Council who will publish the information on their website and social media pages. Staff will then be in touch with further information

### **Staffing**

Many of you will be aware that Mrs Helen Poulton has been absent from school over the past 18 months. After careful consideration, she has decided that retirement is the right step for her at this time. Mrs Poulton has been a valued member of our team for over 20 years, and during that time made a significant contribution to our work. She has worked in every class across the school and has provided sports clubs which many children have enjoyed. We are grateful for her dedication and commitment over the years and wish her well for the future.

### **Swimming - Year 4**

A reminder that Year 4 will be starting swimming lessons from Friday 16th January. Please see the previous letter for further information.

### **Whole School PE Competition**

On Thursday 15th January, we will be hosting a whole school PE competition. Please can all children, from Nursery to Year 6, wear a PE kit that day.

### **PE Days Spring 1**

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| <b>Reception</b> | Tuesday and Friday     |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | Tuesday and Friday     |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | Monday and Wednesday   |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | Mon and Thursday       |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | Wed and Fri (swimming) |
| <b>Year 5</b>    | Tuesday and Friday     |
| <b>Year 6</b>    | Monday and Wednesday   |

### **Italian Extravaganza - Special Dinner Day**

This term our special dinner day will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January** at the cost of £2.50.

We will be serving: Margarita pizza, fries, beans, cucumber sticks and ice-cream with a choice of toppings. Dairy free pizza and ice-cream will be available to those with intolerances (please specify at the time of booking).

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals, therefore don't need to pay (but parents should email the office if they usually have packed lunches). To book, please email the office and top up your child's Eduspot account with correct funds.

### **Reading Challenge No.2**

Last half term, we held our second reading challenge. All children who took part were entered into a prize draw and a child from each class won a new book. Below is the number of children who participated from each class. We were delighted to see an increase in participation for this challenge and look forward to seeing even more children take part in future challenges.

| <b>Year 1</b> | <b>Year 2</b> | <b>Year 3</b> | <b>Year 4</b> | <b>Year 5</b> | <b>Year 6</b> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 6             | 7             | 4             | 4             | 6             | 3             |

### **School Uniform - labelling**

Please can we request that all items of school clothing are labelled and that these labels are checked regularly to ensure that they are easy to read. Whilst we recognise that children may be able to identify their jumpers by a specific mark or scent, it is much easier if items are labelled clearly with their names. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Attendance**

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

The school gates are open from 8:35am and are closed for the start of school at 8:45am. Children arriving after this time need to go through the main office and will be marked as late.

Parents/carers **must** inform school as soon as possible of any absence and the reason for the absence.

A reminder that our attendance policy and attendance letters can be found on the website at:

<http://www.kingedwin.northumberland.sch.uk/web/attendance/420380>

Attendance so far this year:

**Reception 95.1%**

**Year 1 90.64%**

**Year 2 95.27%**

**Year 3 95.14%**

**Year 4 96.91%**

**Year 5 93.14%**

**Whole school: 94.41%**

