



East Boldon Infant School

May 2023

Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone managed a lovely Easter break (which seems like a distant memory now!). After a busy term across school, I think we were all ready for some relaxed time with our families. We have quite a busy term ahead and with now only 4 weeks until the next half term with another Bank Holiday Monday next week, I wanted to write to you all to share our planning and some key dates ahead in as much advance as possible.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who stayed behind after school on the last Friday of term to purchase some cakes and items from the PTA tuck shop. Thank you to Mrs Elliott and the parents from the PTA who manned the stalls. Including the Easter Raffle across school and the raffle from the Easter Performance at St George's Church we raised £500—which will go into our school fund.

May now marks the start of the End of Key Stage assessments for our Year 2 children. The staff have well planned out the weeks, ensuring the "normal" timetable continues and the assessments are carried out in a timely manner. Hopefully, for our young children they will notice no difference—they often quite like the fun papers and smaller group time! Please try to ensure that no time off is taken across this period.

Last week we welcomed Mr Shenton into school. He joined us for an assembly and introduced himself to our Year 2 children. He was really impressed by the behaviour and manners of all of our children in school. He stayed for playtime and it was lovely for him to begin to become familiar with our Year 2 children. We have planned out a series of transition events for our Year 2 children to go across to the Juniors. This includes an assembly, a playtime, a short fun lesson and a lunchtime. Of course, for any of our children who may need further time this will be built in. All of these begin after the May half term.

After shortlisting to complete the replacement of Mrs Munslow, we now begin the second stage of observing candidates, followed by an interview in school. Once an appointment has been made by myself and the Governing Body we will write out to all parents.

I look forward to our final term! Of course if I can be of any help/assistance do not hesitate to catch me in the yard or drop the office a line.

Best Wishes,
Miss Holt

A few Diary Dates coming up...

- W/B 2nd May King's Coronation Celebration week in school .
- Friday 5th May—Please dress in Red, White and Blue in celebration of the King's Coronation

MONDAY 8TH MAY—BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE KING'S CORONATION

School Returns Tuesday 9th June

SATURDAY 13TH MAY—SPRING FAIR 10AM-12PM AT EAST BOLDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

- Tuesday 23rd May—Year 1 to visit Newcastle Castle—details to follow
- Friday 26th May—School ends for half term
- **MONDAY 29TH MAY—FRIDAY 2ND JUNE—HALF TERM**
School returns Monday 5th June
- Tuesday 6th/ Thursday 8th June—ICT in Schools Team working with Year 1 and Year 2 children.
- Monday 12th June—Phonics Screening Check begins for Year 1/Year 2 resits

East Boldon Schools
PTA Spring Fair
"A coronation special"

Please join us on Saturday 13th May for our Spring Fair at East Boldon Junior School 10am-12pm. There will be lots of stalls, activities and a fun community spirit! There will be school tea towels on sale as well as a brilliant raffle with lots of exciting prizes! Please pop along it will be lovely to see you there!



Miss Holt loves a quote!

"Know what sparks the light in you. Then use that light to illuminate the world"
Oprah Winfrey



Bikeability Training

We have been really lucky to once again secure bike training for our Reception children called 'Bikeability'. This training is being completed in school, using balance bikes provided by the local authority.

Coaches have started to come into school and work across the day with small groups at a time, supporting them with balance, co-ordination and movement. Both Reception classes will be complete before the half term break. Hopefully for any child unable to ride a bike presently, this training will help give them lots of confidence so they will be

zooming on their bikes in no time!



Attendance and Punctuality in School

I have been really happy with our whole school attendance across the Spring Term, which has definitely seen an improvement from the Autumn Term! Having the children in school, on a regular basis makes such a difference to how settled the children are across school. We are so lucky to have happy, confident, resilient children and such supportive parents—thank you!

Can I please remind all parents/carers that school gates **close at 9am**. We are fortunate as we have a 15 minute window, with doors opening at 8.45am to allow plenty time for the children to filter in and to give time for our parents to get siblings safely across to the junior school. Any child arriving after 9am will be marked as late.

Our phonics programme in school also begins promptly after the register at 9am.

For children arriving after the gates have closed this means interruption to the session. Please do ensure your child/children are in school before 9am. I will be monitoring punctuality closely alongside attendance. Thank you for your support as always.

Leave of Absence requests are agreed only in exceptional circumstances. Holidays in term time, will not be authorised. We must let parents know that requests may incur a Penalty Notice Fine from the Local Authority. Details are sent with every Leave of Absence request form.



The King's Coronation!

This week we look forward to finding out all about King Charles, his life and the upcoming coronation! I hope you like our bunting around school to get us in the party mood! On Friday 5th May, please come in red, white and blue clothing to celebrate a fun day. If you have made a crown or a flag, please send these into school and we will have a parade outside (weather permitting!) The school meals team have planned a lunch "fit for a King!" plus a cake and drink of juice will complete the day in the afternoon. I hope all families enjoy the extra day with family and friends making precious memories!



Health and Fitness Fortnight

Week beginning 3rd July and 10th July marks the start of our annual Health and Fitness fortnight—2 weeks dedicated to all things about keeping our bodies and minds fit and healthy and keeping it FUN too!

FUN FITNESS DAYS AT THE BEACON OF LIGHT, SUNDERLAND

Wednesday 12th July—Year 2
Thursday 13th July—Year 1
Friday 14th July—Reception
Further details will follow

HOOPSTARZ

Monday 3rd July in school

TENNIS FUN DAY

Monday 10th July at Boldon Tennis club

SKIPPING SCHOOL

Tuesday 11th July in school

SPORTS DAYS (PROVISIONAL!)

Tuesday 4th July—Year 2 2pm
Wednesday 5th July—Year 1 2pm
Thursday 6th July Reception 2pm