

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! It has been a full on half term so far in school as we have all settled into our new classrooms, year groups and routines. I am so proud of all of our children, but particularly our youngest children in Reception who have really adjusted well to the new routines so well. A huge well done!

This half term is a particularly long one—8 weeks! So we still have lots going on over the final few weeks of the half term. We have parent workshops coming up for all year groups. These are useful for parents to hear about the learning that is taking place in your child's new year group. Every year group is different, so it really is useful to pop along if you can make it—please note the dates and time below. Reception also have an additional phonics meeting, which is a great chance to find out about what phonics actually means, our phonics scheme in school, how it works and of course how you can support your child in school.

Year 1 are busy practising their Harvest Assembly! Lots of lovely singing can be heard right down to my office so parents/carers...you are in for a treat! We'd love to see you there on Monday 16th October at 2.15 in St George's Church. We are asking for food donations from the whole school that will be shared and displayed in the Church on the day and then distributed to the Key Project in South Shields—please see overleaf. We work closely with Jo, from the Key each year and sometimes in between. They do a fantastic job of supporting disadvantaged families and any donations are gratefully received.

Our Year 2 musicians have started their weekly lessons with Lucy and this is going really well.

We were thrilled with the take up this year, and lovely to see the children enjoying the experience!



Some other exciting news to share, is our links with Sycamore Care Home in Boldon. Many of our families will be aware that when we applied for our Kindness Award in 2020, we had some fantastic links with another care home. Sadly, after Covid, changes meant that the residents were not able to join us for events at school although we did make it across to them last year for a Christmas event. Sycamore Care Home have a full programme of events that they would like to share with us. Our school council are introducing themselves at a craft event this Monday with Miss Curry and myself. Some of the residents are joining us for the Harvest Festival too! We are so excited about this link and feel so passionate about inter-generations joining together, having fun! Each class has their own pen pal, so cards have been made to take along with us on Monday! Some other exciting events we have looked to plan include a Dementia walk, to raise awareness of Dementia and developing a choir in school who will be able to join the care home friends for a sing-a-long! Mrs Elliott will send out the information on the choir soon and as soon as we have a date booked in for the walk, we would welcome all of our families along!

Once again, as always, thank you for your support. I hope to see many parents over the coming weeks at the events and wishing you all a lovely upcoming half term.

Many Thanks,
Miss Holt

A few Diary Dates coming up...

Monday 16th October—Year 1 leading our Harvest Assembly 2.15pm at St George's Church—Year 1 parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Monday 16th October - Year 2 Parents Workshop, 5pm in the school hall

Tuesday 17th October—Year 1 Parents Workshop, 5pm in the school hall

Wednesday 18th October—Reception Parents Workshop, 5pm—in Class 6

Wednesday 18th October—Flu Vaccinations for the children in school—pm (only those children whose parents have consented)

Tuesday 24th October—Year 2 to visit the Centre for Life, Newcastle

Wednesday 25th October—Reception Phonics Workshop, 5pm in the school hall.

Thursday 26th October—School Photographs in school (siblings in school also)

Friday 27th October—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

School Returns Monday 6th November

Miss Holt loves a quote!

“Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine”
Anthony J. D’Angelo



Harvest Celebrations

Once again, we are supporting our friends at The Key Project in South Shields for our Harvest Festival collection. This is a fabulous charity who support families and young people who may be in need of extra support. We are fully aware of the financial position for everyone at the moment, but we would be grateful of donations no matter how small, if this was possible. Please bring these into school on the morning of Monday 16th October, ready for our Harvest celebrations at St George’s Church. We would be grateful of longer life

products such as pasta, rice, tins and jars, UHT milk, cereals as we know this can then have a longer life in the food banks. Thank you for your support.



We subscribe as a school to Doodle Maths and English as we have found this to be a brilliant tool for supporting our children at home. It can be accessed through a hand held device and every child has a log in. It is great as Doodle keep track on the children and update us with how the children are doing...last week we found out about a child in Year 1 with a 365 day streak and presented all of the children with their summer challenge certificates and badges! Please aim to access Doodle 2/3 times a week when you can!



Keep in touch with what is happening in school

Last year, we developed our website, which took into account the views of parents to find out ways that accessing the website can help yourselves. We send out Parent Mails about upcoming events and information in school, Evidence Me is a support tool for sharing work with parents from what has been happening too.

However the website can also help...

- Quick calendar looking ahead
- Things happening in school
- Overviews of each curriculum area in each year group
 - Attendance Information
 - School Menu

Of course, we are just a phonecall away too, but sometimes information can be found quickly on the website too!



Well Done Fraser!

Fraser, a pupil in our Year 1 cohort won a competition over the Summer Holidays. He entered the competition to draw a picture of his “Happy Place”. The competition was for age ranges all the way up to aged 16...but our Fraser won overall. We couldn’t be prouder—well done Fraser! His work will be displayed in the artist

Lucy Pittaway’s Gallery—so keep a look out!



Parking and Safety

There has been a few concerned parents and residents been in touch in relation to parking and traffic congestion around our school and the local area. We are fully aware of the concerns raised and have shared our concerns with the Local Authority Parking Team. Please take care when parking for drop offs and collections and to be mindful of the busy Front Street when collecting/dropping off at the Junior School as there is no crossing patrol in place.

Please can I ask all parents/carers to be mindful of the speed of their vehicles too—safety of our whole school community is paramount.



A Spooky Day for the PTA

On the final day of the half term, we will be having a spooky day in school. Children will be able to dress down, or choose to come in spooky clothing/costumes for the day.

In school, we will have a spooky disco and games and the PTA will provide a juice and small sweet treat for each child. Further details to follow on Parent Mail/Parent Pay.

