

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in the closing days of the first half term and I think we are all ready for a rest and recharge in the half term break! Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the Parent Workshops last week. It was so good to see so many of our families in attendance and I hope it was useful to hear about the curriculum and how it works in your child's year group. As always, the learning of your child is a partnership and working together is key. Staff will be sharing the presentations on Evidence Me for reference and also for any parents/carers unable to attend. We have also sent a questionnaire just to get a little feedback to help us for moving forwards.

We also provided parents with the curriculum overviews for the Autumn Term. A few parents shared feedback in relation to the curriculum in the end of year parents questionnaire—that they weren't always sure what was being taught in school. Our website gives weekly breakdowns of each subject, but I have prepared an overview for parents, that will also be added onto the website for reference too. I would be very grateful for feedback from this if it has been a handy reference for yourselves at home.

Our Harvest celebration last Monday was a success! Our Year 1 children led the service at St George's Church and it was lovely to celebrate this event with our families. Across the year each year group will share an assembly with families—Reception will host our Easter Service and Year 2, their end of year Leaver's Celebration. All children will complete a Christmas performance in church too!

I know, we continue to face a lot of uncertainties around with the cost of living rising and the many pressures that all families are facing. Therefore, I was really happy to see the amount of donations sent into school for the Key Project. Jo, who joined us, was so thankful. There is an increased demand at the food bank and sadly, Jo felt that our donations alone would probably only last a week. For any of our families who may be finding the pressure of the cost of living a challenge, in whatever capacity, please let us know. As a school community we all have to work together and if there is anything we as a school can support with, please let me know.

We have agreed our parents evening dates with staff for after half term. These will take place virtually. However, for any parent needing a longer appointment than the 10 minutes, please do speak with your child's class teacher. Once again, this year you will receive a short target sheet which will hopefully support parents with where their children are at in their learning and is something that can be supported with at home too. We plan to have a sharing session with your child in the Spring Term, where you can look at books together and take time over this which is important. We trialled this last year—successfully—allowing you more time to share the books together, rather than sometimes the rush of a parents evening!

Once again, as always, thank you for your support and wishing you all a lovely, restful half term.

Many Thanks,
Miss Holt

Class	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Attendance for Autumn Term 1	96.08%	97.55%	96.27%	97.27%	97.35%	97.06%



A few Diary Dates coming up...

Monday 6th November—Children back to school

Monday 6th November—Book Fair in School—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—Further details sent.

Friday 10th November—Remembrance Assembly in school

Monday 13th November—World Kindness Day/Anti Bullying Week in school

W/B 13th November—Parents Evenings across the week (virtually) Parent Mail has been sent

Thursday 16th November—Open Zone in school to work with the Year 2 children

Friday 17th November—Children in Need Day/Odd Socks Day (Anti Bullying Week)

W/B 20th November—Parents Evenings across the week (virtually) Parent Mail has been sent

Thursday 30th November—New Reception Intake (2024) meeting for parents 5pm in the school hall

Miss Holt loves a quote!

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant”
Robert Louis Stevenson



Harvest Festival

Thank you to our Year 1 children and staff for a fantastic Harvest Assembly performance this week. All of the donations shared were given to The Key Project to support families in our local area.
“Thank you for the Harvest”



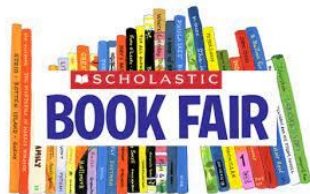
Sycamore Care Home Visit

Our school council represented our school so well when we visited our care home friends at Sycamore Care Home. We had lots of lovely chats and created some beautiful Halloween decorations and crafts.



Scholastic Book Fair

On Monday 6th November, Tuesday 7th November and Wednesday 8th November we are welcoming the Scholastic Book Fair into school. Please pop by for a browse or to buy after school! A contribution of all of the amounts purchased comes back to school to purchase books for school.
Thank you!



A Special Visitor in Assembly

We were very lucky to have our Chair of Governors Mr Grice join us for an assembly. He talked about teams and how teams work and explained his role in school. It was lovely for him to introduce himself to the children, so that when he visits, they can all say hello! Thank you Mr Grice we loved the assembly!



Remembrance Day

In school, the school council will be continuing to help to sell a number of items to support the Poppy Appeal until the 10th November. This will be alongside the stick on poppies, for a small donation. The prices of these are as follows.

Zip pull 50p, Poppy Reflector 50p, Silicon Wristband £1.00, Snap Band £1.50

We will be completing our lovely poppies for decoration in school and will complete our one minute silence in school to mark our respects on Friday 10th November. As part of the curriculum, understanding our British Values is important for our young children and we cover these in an age appropriate way to help them understand.



After School Clubs

Our After School clubs are very popular which is amazing as we want to offer lots of additional experiences beyond the school day.

In our Parents' Questionnaire some parents asked about more spaces to the clubs which is unfortunately difficult due to the spacing within the hall and the ratios given by the clubs themselves. If we could offer more spaces we definitely would!

Other parents suggested differing times that parents could log on to book a space, which we have listened to and adjusted to try and help parents further. Unfortunately due to the system, it has to go live when Mrs Elliott is in the office, but we hope these changes have helped a little! Thank you!