



East Boldon Infant School Newsletter

November 2023



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Dear Parents/Carers,

A new half term has begun and it's a busy one up until Christmas, but this is always a lovely half term for us as we start our Christmas events. Please see our diary dates below for some of our planned events in school and out of school..

Parents Evening chats are now complete. Thank you to all parents/carers that have attended this week and last, virtually and in person. Please always let us know if you would like a longer appointment as the virtual appointments have been working brilliantly, but do have a time limit on them. We are all really pleased with how the children have settled into school and are becoming familiar with their new year groups and new learning.

We will be setting a date early in the Spring Term for parents to drop into school across an afternoon to share workbooks with the children, which will be lovely and maybe not as rushed as it can be when we have parent chats in school too.

There have been lots of important events discussed with the children over the past few weeks. In school we looked at Black History month across October, we have each looked at the Hindu Festival of Lights—Diwali. Remembrance Day was discussed and the whole school took part in a 1 minute's silence. We have discussed our new character of Respect which fitted perfectly in with our discussions. The school council have been super helpful with Mrs Elliott sharing the poppies and items around school. We will share with you how much has been raised once this has been collected in and counted by the Royal British Legion.

Anti Bullying week took place over last week and we introduced the theme "Make a Noise about Bullying" with a whole school assembly. We followed up our discussions around the principles of Kidsafe, keeping ourselves safe, knowing about our trusted grown ups who we can speak to. We also spoke about kindness, friendships, co-operation and working together.

All of the children were very clear about bullying not being accepted in school, what it actually means to be bullied and what we can do as a school to ensure that it does not happen.

It was quite fitting that it was World Kindness Day too and as Riley in Year 2 shared with us "We are here to spread kindness all over the world!" - thank you for that Riley!

Best wishes,
Miss Holt



A few Diary Dates coming up...

- Friday 24th November—Dress down day for the PTA—bring a bottle/chocolates along for the tombola raffle!
- Wednesday 29th November—Year 1 Tennis Festival at Boldon School
- Thursday 30th November – New Reception Starters Parents Evening (2024 Intake) 5pm in Hall. Time to view classes/outdoors—please share this date with any parents who are thinking about East Boldon Infants for September 2024!
- Monday 4th December—PTA Christmas Fair in school 3.30pm onwards
- Tuesday 5th December—Author visit in school
- Wednesday 6th, Friday 8th and Friday 15th—Winter Warmer activity in school with Sandra at Tides of Change
- Monday 11th December—Toy drop off for Norah's North Pole
- Tuesday 12th December—Reception to visit the Pantomime at Customs House am
- Tuesday 12th December—Year 2 to Multiskills Festival at Boldon School
- Wednesday 13th December—Year 2 to visit the Pantomime at Customs House am
- Wednesday 13th December—Christmas dinner day in school—children are welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers!
- Thursday 14th December—Year 2 to visit the Pantomime at Customs House am
- Monday 18th December – Year 2 Christmas Sing-a-long!
- Tuesday 19th December—Year 1 Christmas Play 2.15pm St George's Church
- Wednesday 20th December—Reception Christmas Play 2.15pm St George's Church
- Thursday 21st December—Children's Christmas Parties in school...plus a special visitor!

•**Thursday 21st December—School finishes for Christmas Holidays!**
Friday 22nd December—INSET Day

Miss Holt loves a quote!



Children in Need 2023

On Friday 18th November, to celebrate Children in Need 2023, the children came into school wearing their own clothes plus any Pudsey accessories! It was also odd socks day too so there was plenty for us to talk about across the day. **We raised £193 for the charity.**
Thank you!



Diwali Celebrations!

We feel it is really important for all of our children to be aware of different faiths and religions. We have talked in assemblies and our classes about how Hindus celebrate Diwali and we have looked at how this is similar to other religions we have studied too and our own celebrations..

Reception have made some fabulous Rangoli patterns as well as building their own temples!



World Kindness Day 2023

Some of our school council members helped us to make special deliveries in our community on Friday. As part of kindness day, we visited St George's Church, East Boldon Juniors and Helen Gibson Nursery to deliver a special kindness gift made by kindness club! We also left a few items in the community and despite it being a very wet and windy day we know they made their way to some of our residents.

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind"



Our Character Focus this term



This is quite a difficult character to understand for little ones, but it has really helped the children to recognise respect through our work on Remembrance and Diwali. We have also spoke about respect for themselves and others and property and equipment.

Norah's North Pole

This year we are happy to be supporting Norah's North Pole. This is a family group who work together with professionals such as social workers and teachers to provide toys to families in need within our local area.

We are a drop off point at school for any new presents you wish to donate. All details can be found online regarding this, however please note that all presents are gratefully received.

I fully understand that this year is a particularly challenging one for everyone, with the cost of living increases.

If you are able to donate a new gift, please send these into school on **Monday 11th December.**

Although we like to make this a part of our celebrations in school, this date helps the gifts to be delivered in enough time to be sorted. They can be left in the shelter at morning drop off and these will be collected and taken for distribution.



Open Zone visit Year 2

We always enjoy working with the Open Zone as it really enhances our own Computing curriculum work that we already do in school. Amanda and Steve worked with our Year 2 children using the green screen and they enjoyed creating their own virtual recordings!



Eco Schools

Mrs Charlton has now taken over the lead of our Eco Schools club! Their target....to make our school as Eco Friendly as possible! They will be talking about ways in which we can look after our environment, recycling and saving electricity and water in school (and at home!)

