



East Boldon Infant School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we are moving in to the final stretch of the term, before we finish for the Christmas break. The excitement is certainly increasing daily with all of our children! We still have our pantomimes, performances and parties (all the P's!) to look forward to in the final weeks.



Our Christmas tree is up and sparkling bright and staff have put the finishing touches to our Winter displays around school. Our hall display has taken on a Winter theme and we are definitely feeling that it is Winter now.....particularly after the snowfall on December the 1st too! The children loved their time in the snow.



We also had a lovely visit from The Holly and Ivy musicians, who entertained all of our children with a super performance of song and dance. Feedback was amazing and I know many of our children were mesmerized! Thank you Laura, David and Stewart.



We had another successful Christmas Fair on Monday in school—the weather didn't stop so many families from joining us and it was lovely to see some of our families from the Junior School too! Gosh how you have all grown! There was a special visit from Santa as well as well as Olaf! Thank you so much for supporting our schools! Although we are finalising the total amount raised as the last bits are being sold, we know that it is well on its way to £2, 500—which is truly amazing and a huge support to both of our schools.



Councillor Sarah McKeown sends her thanks to all families who donated to the toy collective. This was for nearly new and used toys that were made available for families to drop into and take what they needed on a "no money needed basis". It gave a new lease of life to toys that may have been thrown away and was a successful event for families in South Tyneside.

Please remember that any donations of **new toys**, can be sent into school on Monday 11th December for the Norah's North Pole appeal. I am very much aware of the variable circumstances for all of our families at this difficult time and we appreciate all of the gifts shared. They will make their way to the headquarters to be organised and shared out to families in need. Thank you again.



Our school council have met with Miss Curry and have designed and made some Christmas Cards which will be sent around our local community. They have also discussed the issue of traffic safety around school and this will be followed up further in the new year.

Year 1 were brilliant role models as they attended Boldon School for a Tennis Festival. Hannah, the coach who also works with the children in school reported back how well the children had participated and the sports leaders were also pleased with the effort from the children. Our Year 2's visit Boldon for a multi-skills festival next week and I'm sure they are going to have just as much fun.



Just a final reminder for all our Year 2 parents. Admission forms for the Junior School are to be completed and the deadline for applications is **Monday 15th January**. I believe all parents have been written to, but if you have any questions please contact the Schools Admissions Team on 0191 424 7706.

Best wishes and hope to see you all at the upcoming events,
Miss Holt

A few final Diary Dates coming up...

- 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 1 to visit the Pantomime at Customs House am (**school uniform and jumpers for this please**)
- Wednesday 13th December—Christmas dinner day in school—**children are welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers today!**
- Thursday 14th December—Year 2 to visit the Pantomime at Customs House am
- Monday 18th December – Year 2 Christmas Sing-a-long! 2.15pm at St George's Church
- 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