



East Boldon Infant School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have thoroughly enjoyed our last 2 weeks in school. The excitement from the children has been evident as we have enjoyed pantomimes, performances and parties! We hope you enjoy some of the pictures that give a snapshot of the fun we have had!



We have also welcomed our care home friends into school for the first time. Minnie, Susannah, Fran and Marjorie joined us to listen to our children practise a few of their songs with them. They loved it! Even enjoying a piece of Christmas cake to get them in the festive mood. I couldn't believe the age of Minnie and Susannah—96 and 99 years old! Wow! They loved hearing the children sing! Thank you to Beth and Peter from Sycamore Care Home for bringing them along to us in the mini bus! We appreciate our children having the opportunity to see you all. They also shared letters from our pen pals at the home that have made their way to each class in school. The children will be replying back to them in the new year.



Myself, Miss Curry and our school council have been involved in a book sharing project, in a bid to spread some Christmas kindness across our local area. Keep a look out...there is a Christmas book and a bar of chocolate in the gift pack and the idea is to enjoy a story and some chocolate together—there is nothing better than sharing a story.



Thank you for all of the kind donations made to Norah's North Pole. They made their way to the headquarters, where they were sorted and distributed to families in need. Once again, thank you. Times are challenging for everyone and we were very grateful to receive the donations into school. Myself, Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Verity spent time across at the headquarters helping and packing—it was lovely to be a part of something so wonderful for our wider community.



We keep a high focus on health and fitness and each year we work in partnership with Boldon School for the festivals they offer to us in Key Stage 1. This term, our Year 1 children attended a Tennis festival and our Year 2 children attended a multi skills festival. Huge thanks to Mrs Legg who co-ordinates the visits and to the sports leaders from the school for working so well with the children.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Peaceful New Year. Thank you once again for all of your continued support and we will look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

Very best wishes,

Miss Holt and the all of the staff team x

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

School Returns—Monday 8th January 2024!

We have completed our termly attendance monitoring and have shared our attendance assembly for those children with 100% attendance across the Autumn Term, but also recognition of those children with improving attendance too. For those children where attendance is falling below 90% and is becoming a concern for us, a short meeting will be arranged in the new year to look at ways we can support and help with improving attendance where we can.

We have had a number of pupils arriving late, after the doors have closed at 9am. We have a 15 minute window for the children entering school—our doors open at 8.45. Please aim for you child to be in school before 9am. Lessons do begin promptly. Thank you for your support.

Class	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Attendance for Autumn Term 2	96.00%	95.54%	95.79%	93.81%	96.43%	97.25%





Panto time!

We have been very lucky that all of our children have attended The **Enchanted Snow Globe Pantomime** at The Custom's House. It was a shortened performance and perfect for our young children. They all shared that they really enjoyed it—**oh yes they did!**

Our performances!

Tides of Change!



We always enjoy working with Sandra from **Tides of Change**. The children enjoyed learning about fire safety as well as toasting marshmallows and making smores!

Year 2 Christmas Sing-a-long!



Year 1 Noisy Nativity



Reception Nursery Rhyme Nativity!



Christmas Dinner!



Oh how we love Christmas dinner day! A huge thank you to all of the kitchen staff who worked so hard to make all of the Christmas dinners for the children, staff and governors!



Reception Santa's Workshop!

Reception classrooms were transformed by the elves into Santa's workshop! They have worked together to wrap toys and sort for Santa—**well done Reception!**

