



# East Boldon Infant School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all of our families. I hope you have all had an amazing summer and lovely time spent with family and friends. A special welcome to our new Reception families who have joined us—we hope you and your child have a wonderful time at our school across the three years.

It has been such a pleasure welcoming you all back into school and seeing our children with happy faces and shiny shoes! I have been so thrilled with how the children have come into school. We have had a lovely week and it has been a pleasure to walk around school and see the children in all of their new classrooms.

Ready for the start of term, staff in school have planned a 2 week transition within year groups (longer for our Reception children!) to allow the children time to settle into their new classrooms and become familiar with staff and routines. We are spending time talking about our rules and expectations in school and setting up our routines across school.

Across the holidays we have had our kitchen area replaced, with a new oven, hob, fridge and additional storage for our DT resources. Thank you to the school meals team who have supported the school with this replacement.



Thank you to all parents/carers who responded to our parent questionnaire at the end of last term. The results were very positive and encouraging—thank you for taking the time to respond.

It was fantastic to see 100% of all parents who contributed to the questionnaire would recommend our school to other parents and that 100% of our parents feel their child is safe and happy in school. For myself as Head Teacher, ensuring the happiness of every child is priority. There was lots of positive comments shared about the school, the staff, the culture and ethos of our school—it really was a pleasure to read for the staff team so thank you.

Of course, it is also really useful for us all to think about some of the suggestions made by yourselves. As always, the education of your child/children in a partnership and we want to work with yourselves as much as possible and we have already begun to think about ways to implement some of the positive suggestions.

We have planned an early “meet the teacher” event for our Year 1 and Year 2 children to give parents/carers the opportunity to meet staff and have a short introduction to the new year groups:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30-3.15 “Meet Miss Curry” – Year 2, Class 3 parents/carers  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30-3.15 “Meet Mrs O’Donnell” – Year 2, Class 4 parents/carers  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30-3.15 “Meet Miss Green” – Year 1, Class 1 parents/carers  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30-3.15 “Meet Mrs Sangray” – Year 1, Class 2 parents/carers

For our Reception parents, there is an event later in the half term, where the Reception Team will share an overview of the children starting school and how parents can work in partnership with us to support their children’s development.

Wednesday 23rd October -Parent Introduction to Reception meeting and time to meet the teachers  
Mrs Verity and Mrs Davies - 5pm

There are also several opportunities across the year, including parent workshops, stay and play events and book sharing events where parents are invited into school and have the chance to speak to staff. There are also two parents evenings across the year, but of course, if you feel you would like to chat about something or have a query or concern, please do not hesitate to catch staff at the beginning/end of the school day or indeed make an appointment to pop in for a chat!

After School Club choices have been sent out and listening to suggestions from parents, we have explored ways that we can give as many opportunities to as many children as possible. As discussed, the demand for the places is always high and the spaces are at the highest we can make them safely for in school. We do appreciate parents support and thank parents for all positive comments in helping us to improve this further.

We are looking forward to another successful year and welcome your partnership in working together to achieve wonderful things for our children!

Many Thanks,

Miss Holt

Miss Holt loves a quote!

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success!”

Henry Ford



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### Our School Rules and Routines

Across these transition 2 weeks in school, we are embedding routines of rules and school organisation. Within classes and assemblies we are talking about our rules and why we have them in school—to make our school a safe and happy place for everyone. Within school we are talking about these key messages

We are safe  
We are kind and helpful  
We follow instructions  
We work hard and we try our best  
**WE ARE A TEAM!**



We have also begun our discussions around our school council choices as well as playground pals and playground helpers in Year 2. Our children love to have responsibility and help and it is a pleasure to choose these children to support our school routines.

### Diary Dates

As a staff we have finalised our diary dates, for this term and across the year. These will be sent out very soon for your records.

Of course,  
**ALL DATES ARE PROVISIONAL**  
and confirmation will be shared with parents prior to events taking place.

All dates are placed on our school calendar, available on our school website—please take a look.

### Flu vaccinations

All children with consent will be receiving their flu vaccinations this year on **Monday 14th October**.

**Soon**, parents/carers will receive their consent forms for the Flu Vaccinations.

Please ensure these are returned into school so we can submit them into the School Nursing Team in preparation for the date.

### Snacks in School

All children are offered a piece of fruit each day from our Free Fruit to Schools Scheme.



If you wish to bring something different that you know your child likes this is perfectly acceptable however please ensure that it is a small snack that is healthy! Items such as alternative fruits, breadsticks or rice cakes.

**No products with nuts** should be shared in school as we are a nut free school and have children in school with severe allergies.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle each day. We are happy to re-fill if needed!

Thank you for your support.

### Attendance updates

Our attendance for the first week back has been super!. It is so important that our children attend school regularly and on time to help with their routines and ensure they are learning to the max!

Any absences must be recorded into school. For any time away from school a Leave of Absence request needs to be completed. Holidays in term time will not be authorised and may result in a penalty warning.

**All information is shared with the Leave of Absence Request**  
**There have been significant changes from the Government in the process of holidays in term times**  
**Any questions please get in touch.**

### Parent Mail update for our Reception families

All of our Reception parents/carers should now have received an invitation to sign up to the Parent Mail application in school. This is our main method of communication across school for updates, newsletters, etc. It also attaches to the Parent Pay system which is our cashless system for payment methods for example trips, milk etc. Please let us know if you have any problems being set up on the system and we would be happy to help.