



East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, it has been a busy start to the half term. A huge thank you to all of the Year 1 and Year 2 parents for their attendance at the meet the teacher sessions. Feedback from parents across the sessions was positive and this is something we would like to continue next year. It was nice for parents to be introduced to the staff team. As always, if there is anything that we can help with, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us

This half term is a particularly long one—8 weeks! There has so much that has already taken place and still lots going on over the final few weeks of the half term.

Year 1 have just begun practising their Harvest Assembly! We'd love to see you there on Monday 14th October at 2.15 in St George's Church. We are asking for food donations from the whole school that will be shared and displayed in the Church on the day and then distributed to the Key Project in South Shields—please see overleaf. We work closely with Jo, from the Key each year and sometimes in between. They do a fantastic job of supporting disadvantaged families and any donations are gratefully received.

Our Year 2 musicians have started their weekly violin lessons with Lucy and this is going really well. The children have been very excited to receive their violins to practise with at home. We were thrilled with the take up this year, and lovely to see the children enjoying the experience!

The opportunity to take up the ukulele has also been a popular choice and another wonderful experience for our young children. Miss Green is co-ordinating this in school with the tutor. All of our Year 2 children are having a taster experience with this instrument as part of their music curriculum.

Over the coming weeks we have some special assemblies to look forward to. We have a Kindness Assembly on Monday 30th September, with Matthew from Vision Education—a perfect link to our character. We also have an assembly for Key Stage 1 on 21st October to introduce and find out more about the Jewish Faith with a lovely lady called Lesley. She is going to share some pictures and artefacts with the children and this will support our school development to bring more diversity to life with our children so they get to experience and understand different religions and faiths.

Curriculum maps have now been shared with all parents. If you would like a printed copy, please say and this can be arranged. We are in the process of adding everything to the website for easy access too.

Once again, as always, thank you for your support. I hope to see many parents over the coming weeks at the events and wishing you all a lovely upcoming half term.

Many Thanks,
Miss Holt

PS.... Thank you to all parents who popped along for the Macmillan Coffee Morning this morning—we raised over £100 for this wonderful charity and there were some lovely donations of cakes too—thank you!



A few Diary Dates coming up...

Wednesday 2nd October— Open Evening (1) Reception Intake September 2025 – 5pm in the school hall

Saturday 12th October—Open Morning 10am – 11.30 am – Reception intake September 2025

Monday 14th October—Harvest Festival – 2.15pm, St George's Church - Year 1 to lead and parents/carers welcome to attend

Tuesday 15th October—Y2 to Visit to the Centre for Life, Newcastle

Wednesday 23rd October—Parent Introduction to Reception meeting and time to meet the teachers Mrs Verity and Mrs Davies—
5pm in the school hall

Thursday 24th October—I ndividual and Sibling (in school) photographs

Friday 25th October—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

INSET DAY—MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

School Returns Tuesday 5th November

Miss Holt loves a quote!

“Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go!”
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Harvest Celebrations

Once again, we are supporting our friends at The Key Project in South Shields for our Harvest Festival collection. This is a fabulous charity who support families and young people who may be in need of extra support. We are fully aware of the financial position for everyone at the moment, but we would be grateful of donations no matter how small, if this was possible. Please bring these into school on the morning of Monday 14th October, ready for our Harvest celebrations at St George's Church. We would be grateful of longer life



products such as pasta, rice, tins and jars, UHT milk, cereals as we know this can then have a longer life in the food banks. Thank you for your support.

We subscribe as a school to Doodle Maths and English as we have found this to be a brilliant tool for supporting our children at home. It can be accessed through a hand held device and every child has a log in. It is great as Doodle keep track on the children and update us with how the children are doing...last week we found out about a child in Year 1 with a 365 day streak and next week will present all of the children with their summer challenge certificates and badges in celebration assembly! Please aim to access Doodle 2/3 times a week when you can!



Keep in touch with what is happening in school

Do you know that our website can give you lots of information at your fingertips? We worked closely with parents when setting up the website, taking into account what parents would like to see. Maybe have a look....

- Quick calendar looking ahead
- News about what is happening in school
- Overviews of each curriculum area in each year group
 - Attendance Information
 - School Menu

Of course, we are just a phonecall away too, but sometimes information can be found quickly on the website too!

Eco Assembly



Last week we welcomed Laura from Ground works into school for our Monday Assembly.

As part of this, she talked about the three R'S—Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Our Eco Warriors have been chosen for the new year and will be working with Mrs Charlton to look at ways that we can be Eco-friendly! We are planning to work closely with Laura on some projects and may even fit a visit in across to the recycling centre where she works

Roles in School 2024-25



We have made a start at selecting our school councillors for this academic year!

Welcome Livvy, Elijah, Tasie, Robbie, Charlotte, Alex, Jack and Florence from Year 1 and 2. Our Reception children will be chosen after half term.

Already they have had a meeting with Miss Curry and have looked at some playground rules and have made some super suggestions for the next meeting.

They are very keen and enthusiastic!