



East Boldon Infant School Newsletter

October 2024



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in the closing days of the first half term and I think we are all ready for a rest and recharge in the half term break! 8 weeks is such a long half term....but in many ways it has whizzed by as so much has filled our weeks!

Our Harvest celebration last Monday was a success! Our Year 1 children led the service at St George's Church and it was lovely to celebrate this event with our families. I was particularly impressed not just with the singing but with the accompanying dance moves this year—how wonderful! Across the year each year group will share an assembly with families—Reception will host our Easter Service and Year 2, their end of year Leaver's Celebration. All children will complete a Christmas performance in church too!



I know, we continue to face a lot of uncertainties around with the cost of living rising and the many pressures that all families are facing. Therefore, I was really happy to see the amount of donations sent into school for the Key Project. Marie, who joined us, was so thankful. There is an increased demand at the food bank and sadly, Marie felt that our donations alone would probably only last a few weeks. For any of our families who may be finding the pressure of the cost of living a challenge, in whatever capacity, please let us know. As a school community we all have to work together and if there is anything we as a school can support with, please let me know.

We have agreed our parents evening dates with staff for after half term. These will take place virtually. However, for any parent needing a longer appointment than the 10 minutes, please do speak with your child's class teacher. Parents of children who have a SEND plan in school should have already been invited into school to review their child's plan before the half term and to look at further ways to support.

Once again, this year you will receive a short target sheet which will hopefully support parents with where their children are at in their learning and is something that can be supported with at home too. We will have a sharing session with your child in the Spring Term, where you can look at books together and take time over this which is important. This has worked very successfully. There will also be the opportunity of a parent workshop in the Spring Term where you can come into school and work alongside your child and see what learning is taking place in class.

We have secured an artist to come into school to complete 2 murals linked to Kindness in our school yard. We have been gifted with a donation from "Kindness UK" who accredits our Kindness award each year which is allowing us to fund this amazing opportunity! Even better...we have scheduled this for World Kindness Day on November 13th (weather permitting so please cross fingers and toes it can go ahead!) Key Stage 1 will have the opportunity for a short workshop with the artist in the morning and some lucky volunteers will get the opportunity of working with the artist in the afternoon....watch this space....it's very exciting!



Once again, as always, thank you for your support and wishing you all a lovely, restful half term.

Many Thanks,
Miss Holt

Class	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Attendance for Autumn Term 1	96.9%	98.1%	97.9%	94.65%	96.43%	96.86%



A few Diary Dates coming up...

Monday 4th November—INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th November—Children return to school

Monday 11th November—Remembrance Assembly in school

W/B Monday 11th November—Anti Bullying Week in school

W/B 11th November—Parents Evenings across the week (virtually) Parent Mail has been sent.

Tuesday 12th November—Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 13th November—World Kindness Day

Friday 15th November—Children in Need Day

W/B 18th November—Parents Evenings across the week (virtually) Parent Mail has been sent

Thursday 28th November—New Reception Intake (2025) meeting for parents 5pm in the school hall

Miss Holt loves a quote!

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant”
Robert Louis Stevenson



Dojo Superstars!

In school we celebrate achievement in lots of different ways....rewards, certificates and prizes!

Following our rules in school earns dojo points and when a child reaches 100 they get to pop along to my office for a well done dip in my prize box! I certainly did not expect to see any child so early into the term...but a huge well done to Lila and Arthur who are the first 2 children to reach 100! I know there will be many more to follow—I will be heading shopping to top up the treat box ready!



Toddler Time

We enjoyed a successful second “Toddler Time” last week in school. This was Autumn/Halloween themed and it was once again a lovely, well attended event. We are loving inviting our community into school!



Year 2 Centre for Life Visit



Our Year 2 children had a fantastic time at the Centre for Life. This has consolidated their Science work in school. They were very excited on their return to school—the planetarium and the space workshop was definitely some of the favourite parts of the day—plus dinner time of course!!

Year 1 Autumn Walk



All of Year 1 visited Grange Park to take a look for signs of Autumn! This has linked nicely with their Science work on seasonal changes as well as their English text work on “Wild”.

Remembrance Day

In school, the school council will be continuing to help to sell a number of items to support the Poppy Appeal until the 11th November. This will be alongside the stick on poppies, for a small donation. The prices of these are as follows:

Poppy Reflector £1.00, Adjustable Bracelet £1.00, Snap Band £2

We will be completing our lovely poppies for decoration in school and will complete our one minute silence in school to mark our respects on Monday 11th November. As part of the curriculum, understanding our British Values is important for our young children and we cover these in an age appropriate way to help them understand.



Do you know anyone whose child will be due to start school in September 2025?

We have had two successful open events in school already—but we have one more open event on

Thursday 28th

November at 5pm.

Please mention this to anyone whose child will be due to start school in September 2025. It is always nice to have a visit to the school, see the environment and meet the lovely staff!

All are welcome!

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