

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the new school term! I hope the Christmas holiday were a joyful and restful one! I think we were all in need of a break and a rest after a very full on term once again! It has been so lovely to see all of the children return and share their lovely Christmas stories with them. They have all had a wonderful time.

As we move into this new term, we have plenty of exciting things happening and taking place. There are a few key diary dates for parents and carers about coming into school for some events—parent workshops for some learning alongside your child and a session for sharing your child's workbooks with them. Please note that for these sessions it does not have to be a parent, it could be a family member who joins us—auntie/uncle/grandma/grandad.

We have set our weeks where Parents Evening chats will take place after half term, but closer to the time, we will advise on the dates for each class and these will once again take place virtually. Of course, if you need a longer time slot than what is allocated, please do see your child's class teacher.

Also included on the newsletter is some information linked to our curriculum and learning for this term. This will allow you to see the focus for your child's class. Staff are already looking into booking trips/visitors to support the learning of these topics and future topics so we will keep you posted on these. Some have already been booked in and your support with the costings for these trips is so valuable to allow us to keep the trips going. I am fully aware of the cost increases and as a school, we always look to subsidise as much as we possibly can to support our families.

We are all excited to get the working term started and to see lots more wonderful learning taking place! As always, your child's education is a partnership between home and school to achieve the best outcomes for our children and if we can help/support you in any way, please don't hesitate to speak to your class teacher or make an appointment with myself..

Many Thanks,
Miss Holt

A few Diary Dates coming up please take a note of key dates...

- Parent/Carer workshops in school coming up next week in school:
 - Monday 20th January (am) YEAR 2 workshop**
 - Tuesday 21st January (am) YEAR 1 workshop**
 - Tuesday 21st January RECEPTION (Class 6) Phonics Workshop—2 sessions pm**
 - Wednesday 22nd January RECEPTION (Class 5) Phonics Workshop—2 sessions pm**
- Monday 27th January—Islamic Assembly for our Key Stage 1 children in school
- Tuesday 28th January—Early Year Superhero Festival (Class 5 attending) (am)
- Wednesday 29th January—Chinese New Year—celebrations taking place all week
- W/B 3rd February—Children's Mental Health Week— additional information about the week to be sent to parents/carers.
- W/B 10th February—Computing Week in school
- Tuesday 11th February—Safer Internet Day in School
- Parent/Carer workbook sharing sessions (a separate information parent mail will follow...please keep dates/times free!)
 - Monday 17th February (pm) YEAR 1 2.30pm—3pm (early home time if not staying for club)**
 - Wednesday 19th February RECEPTION 2.30pm—3pm (early home time)**
 - Thursday 20th YEAR 2 2.30pm—3pm (early home time if not staying for club)**
- Tuesday 18th February—Year 2 to West Boldon Lodge
- Tuesday 18th February—Gymnastic competition x10 Year 1 children to attend

Friday 21st February—Break up for half term
MONDAY 3RD MARCH—INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
Tuesday 4th March—School returns

Miss Holt loves a quote!

"You are never too old to set another goal or dream another dream"
CL Lewis



Chinese New Year 2025—Wednesday 29th January –It's the Year of the snake!

We feel it is really important for the children to be aware of lots of different cultures/religions as well as our own British Values too. Across school an in assemblies we will talk about Chinese New Year celebrations! 'Kung Hey Fat Choy!'



Children's Mental Health Week W/B 3rd February

The theme this year is "Know yourself, grow yourself". Across the week we will be talking and sharing activities around recognising the importance of talking and connecting with each other.

Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 11th February

Each year we recognise the importance of being safe citizens of computers and the internet on Safer Internet Day. This compliments our Computing curriculum and the work we do through Kidsafe. We will be sending some information to yourselves with links to support you with safety when using computers /tablets/IPads at home



Our Christmas Highlights....

We really enjoyed celebrating our performances to our families at St George's Church. Thank you for your support and attendance and thank you to Reverend Barker and the Church Wardens Paul and Edna for hosting us at the church too!

We had a super time at our parties and even a visit from Santa! The excitement of the children on their happy faces, really said it all! Plus a lot of beautiful dresses, smart suits and jumpers....it was a pleasure!

The Christmas Dinner day was of course another highlight. Our kitchen team are fantastic and provided the children (and staff and governors) with a lovely lunch, with music to accompany! We enjoyed visits to the pantomime as well as working with Sandra from Tides of Change to build campfires and make toasted marshmallows. It was a lovely build up to Christmas!



Thank you for all donations to Norah's North Pole and the Toy Collective. These made their way to families in need of additional support in our local area.

Reception Curriculum

Our Learning Questions this term.

Are our toys more exciting than toys from long ago?

Who are the famous characters from our fairy tales?

What do seeds need to grow?
Why is exercise important?

Can you look at toys at home?
Compare toys from parents/
grandparents? Maybe create a little
toys shop at home?

Can you read lots of fairy stories?



Year 1 Curriculum

Our Learning Questions this term.

Where is the South Pole? Who lives there and has anyone travelled to the Poles? Are all of the animals in the world the same?

Why can't an Emperor Penguin live in Kenya?
What does Beegu think about life on planet Earth?

Can you do some of your own research at home about the South Pole? Use books from the library or iPads?

Research Emperor Penguin. Look at Kenya...where is this country? Look at maps/ globes to identify Kenya.



Year 2 Curriculum

Our Learning Questions this term.

Why did the Great Fire of London start?
How does it compare to the Great Fire of Gateshead? How can we rebuild London to prevent another Great Fire?

How is life different for a child in China?
Why do plants thrive on Earth?

Can you do some of your own research at home about the Great Fire of London? Use books from the library or iPads?

Look at maps, where is China in relation to England?

