

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely half term! This half term is always such a busy one on the run up to Easter and we have filled it with lots of exciting things. We are just hoping for a little bit more sunshine—that would be nice!

Thank you once again for your support with World Book Day. The costumes and colours from all of the children were wonderful! We have been lucky to work with storyteller Chip Colquoun from Epic Tales. He has worked with all classes of children delivering different stories and rhymes and using props and musical instruments! The children have had a wonderful time and it has really brought stories to life! See the pictures overleaf. Thank you to the PTA whose funds supported us with this experience in school.



We have also been blown away with the Sponsored Read amount—£862 has been raised for us which is wonderful! Mrs Verity is using this money to buy some further texts for our daily paired reading work and these have now been ordered—so once again thank you!

Year 2 have begun their swimming sessions at Sunderland Aquatic Centre. I am accompanying the children on all of these visits and it has been such a pleasure to see the children enjoy this opportunity as well as being great representatives for our school visiting a venue on a regular basis. A huge shout out to the coaches at the Aquatic Centre who have been amazing with all of the children and even the small number who were a little nervous to begin with were soon settled and enjoying the experience. I look forward to completing the sessions with the children and seeing how they progress.



We have been lucky to work with Phillipa from the Open Zone across Year 1 and 2 who has focused on use of our Google chromebooks and use of google. This has included log ins and manoeuvring around the computers as well as our Year 2's creating a powerpoint about The Great Fire of London and using the text keys. It is so valuable for our children and staff to be able to work with the Open Zone Team and tap into their expertise as well as often using their additional resources to support our curriculum work too.

We have successfully completed our parents evenings last week. Thank you for your attendance to these. Working together in partnership to support our children is so important and we appreciate your support with the work we do in school. Sadly, we did have a number of parents who had booked appointments, but then did not attend the session with the teacher. As you can appreciate, time for our teachers to see a number of parents outside of the allocated dates and times, can become increasingly difficult and any follow up appointment will need to be scheduled at a time convenient with our staff. I appreciate your support with this.

Last week has also seen us focus on "Science Week" across school. It has been great to see some of the exciting things that the staff have planned in for our children. We are lucky that Science Buddies will be joining us to work with our Year 2 children this week as a follow up to the work started last week.

We then look ahead to an action packed World Maths Day on Wednesday 26th March (more information to follow and note slight date change to provisional date due to a clash with Red Nose Day!) and of course our Easter celebrations in school.

Our Reception children will be leading a service on Monday 7th April at 2.15pm in St George's Church. We hope our Reception families can join us for this! Can I politely request only 2 parents/carers per child attend the service to enable comfortable viewing for everyone at the church. We are in the process of planning some further Easter celebrations towards the end of term and this will be shared with parents once confirmed!

We are looking forward to our term ahead and the lovely things we have planned! Thank you as always for your continued support.

Best Wishes,
Miss Holt

A few Diary Dates coming up!

- Tuesday 18th March—Science Buddies working with Year 2 in school
- Thursday 20th March—Last swimming session for Class 3.
- Friday 21st March—Red Nose Day celebrations—more information to follow.
- Wednesday 26th March—World Maths Day celebrations—more information to follow
- Thursday 27th March—Class 4 swimming sessions to begin for 3 weeks.
- Wednesday 2nd April—Phonics Screening Check Information Evening for out Year 1 parents— 5pm
- Monday 7th April—Easter Assembly at St George's Church, shared by our Reception children—2.15pm
- Friday 11th April—Reception to visit Beamish

Friday 11th April—Break up for Easter Holidays! Chocolate Alert!

Have a lovely Easter Break!

Children to return to school Monday 28th April

Miss Holt loves a quote!

"Spring adds new life and new joy to all that is"
Jessica Harrelson



Letter Join/Doodle Maths

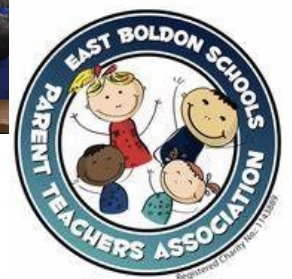
We continue to use a great interactive tool called "Letter Join" in school. This has been used in classes across Year 1 and 2 to support with the dedicated handwriting time, but also the App is included on our iPads, which allows for independent practise. This is also great for home too. We also had a lovely assembly with representatives from Doodle who spoke to the children about all of the wonderful things that the children can do and access through it. It really is a great tool for the children to use!



Letter-join

Lots of Highlights from our visit from Chip Colquhoun the Storyteller this week....

Dream Big Read!



Thank you!
The storytelling sessions from Chip were funded from the PTA. All of your donations and support do make a difference!

