



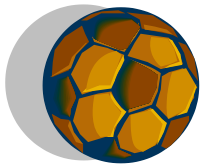
# Newsletter

Helen Gibson Nursery School  
April 2016

## Family Football

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April we will begin to run football session with Sunderland FC. There are limited places so sign up quick to avoid disappointment. The sessions will run from either 10.15 - 11.15 or 2.15 - 3.15.

The dates will be 22.4.16, 6.5.16, 13.5.16, 20.5.16, 27.5.16, 10.6.16, 17.6.16, 24.6.16 and the 1.7.16. You will be expected to attend all of the sessions as this is a programme known as Little Dribblers. It ends with a visit to the Stadium of Light and a presentation of medals. If you wish to join your child for this Family Learning programme please sign up below. Only children accompanied by their parent / carer will be included in this.



## Holidays

We break up for our Easter holidays on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and return on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.



## Emergency Contacts

We have attached a new allergy / illness form and an emergency contact form for everyone to update please.



## Closed

We are closed the 29<sup>th</sup> of April for a Training Day and return Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May after the Bank Holiday.



## Donations

We are struggling to pay for fruit / snacks / baking and cooking ingredients. A 50p donation from all parents would really help us with this. A huge thank you to all of the parents who do donate as this has been such a great help.



## Get to know our Governors

Hello my name is Eileen Thompson. I am Chair to the Governors at Helen Gibson Nursery. I was appointed in November 2012, although I have been a Governor for over 20 years. My involvement started when my daughter (who is now 27!) started at East Boldon Infants. At that time there was one governing body covering all East Boldon Primary schools but successive governments have insisted each school now has its own. I have lived in East Boldon since 1981 and am now retired having worked for over 40 years in local government in the legal department as a property lawyer. The governing body meet regularly with a full termly meeting to discuss all issues relevant to the school and additional meetings, as and when necessary to discuss urgent items such as agreeing the budget. We also have smaller working parties to discuss issues such as leadership and management, behaviour and safety and curriculum matters. It is the responsibility of the chair to ensure meetings are run efficiently with everyone having a voice and all governors clear on items discussed. The chair is also responsible for ensuring the governors and the school are fulfilling all statutory functions and ensuring the strategic focus for the school. Personally, I am responsible as link governor for Special Educational Needs and Inclusion within the school and behavioural issues. I would recommend being a governor to all parents where possible. It is hard work but so rewarding. We have a brilliant school at Helen Gibson Nursery and Kids club with a committed governing body and an inspirational Head and fantastic staff. I look forward to the future with great optimism that Helen Gibson will be rated as an outstanding school at its next Ofsted inspection.



I would like to join the Little Dribblers Family Learning with my child.

Parent or Carers name

Signature

Name of child

Please return asap

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**Have an amazing April**

