



EAST BOLDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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It's great to be back

Welcome back to another academic year at East Boldon Junior School and an extra big welcome to our Year 3s, who have settled so well! We hope that you all had a great time over the summer holidays.



I would like to personally welcome new staff members to our team. Mrs Seebacher has started her role as Deputy Head Teacher here at East Boldon Juniors. She is looking forward to getting to know all of you and working with the children. I would also like to welcome Mrs Taylor to the Year 4 team and Miss Preece, who is our new sports apprentice. She will support teachers in the classrooms, in PE lessons and organise games for play times with the children. All three new members of staff bring lots of skills, experience and enthusiasm to our team.

As you already know, Miss Griffiths was married in the summer and is now Mrs Hunt. I have managed to incorrectly say her name twice this week so all will be forgiven if anyone does the same! The happy couple had a wonderful summer.

Homework Books

We introduced our homework system in 2017 following parental feedback and we have received positive feedback since.



The homework grids offer a range of activities and encourage collaborative family learning. Every pupil received their new homework books today. We hope you have great fun sharing your learning experiences with us.

Music Tuition

Individual music lessons begin next week for our children learning an instrument. The strings after-school lessons start after school the following week.



A few polite reminders

The school bell rings at 8:50 in the morning and we open the doors to the children. We then ring the bell again at 8:55am, when lessons start in the classroom. This eases congestion in our corridors and helps the pupils to settle quickly. We have on-entry tasks for the children to tackle straight away when they enter the classrooms, while the teachers take the registers. Can everyone please ensure that the children are on time for school starting at 5 to 9 so that your children learn lifelong punctuality habits and make the best progress that they can.



The pupils look great this week in their new uniforms and school shoes. They have definitely grown over the summer! Please can I remind everyone of our school uniform policy:



Items of jewellery should not be worn to school. Small, single/pair, stud earrings may be worn but must be removed for swimming and PE.

School uniform comprises a school sweatshirt in navy or red; a white polo shirt; navy trousers or navy skirt; pinafore or shorts; black shoes. There is a school PE shirt to be worn with plain navy shorts for PE and games.



Let's Celebrate!

Writers of the week

Year 3 – Louis Pallas-Graham and
Frances Hampton

Year 4 – Joseph Johnson and
Fallon Cattanach

Year 5 – Imogen Dunbar and
Isla O'Callaghan

Year 6 – Jenny Tatters and
George Robinson

Stars of the week

Year 3 – Mitchell Barnes and
Fraser Rutherford

Year 4 – Emily Nellist and
Harry Franks

Year 5 – Sophie Wood and
Ali Zulfiqar

Year 6 – Lily Hewitt and
Ben Howarth

Head Teacher's Awards

Tristan Hardingham and **Elizabeth Lister** helped a Y3 pupil at lunchtime this week. Well done to everyone in Years 4, 5 and 6 for helping our Y3 pupils settle so quickly. It is great to see the pupils showing such a kind, nurturing nature.

Term dates for your diary

Please keep an eye on this section, as we regularly add visits/visitors and events to the calendar.

Autumn term:

3rd September – 25th October

5th November – 19th December

12 Sep: Y6 visit to Eden Camp
23 Sep: After school clubs start
25 Sep: Y5 Hoops 4 Health starts
25 Sep: Y3 visit to Great North Museum
8 Oct: Y6 Hockey competition
9 Oct: Y4 Football competition
16 Oct: Y4 Hockey competition
17 Oct: Y5 Rugby competition
21 Oct: Flu immunisations
23 Oct: Y4 Bikeability day

Half term 28th Oct - 1st Nov

4 Nov: School closed for staff training
12 Nov: Y6 visit to Victoria Tunnel
12 Nov: Y4 visit to The Word
12 – 14 Nov: Book fair in school
5 Dec: Y3 Tennis festival

Child Safety Reminders:

Video/photo on social media

Please be aware that photographs or video taken at school events such as shows and assemblies should not be shared on social media if they contain images of children other than your own. Failure to abide by this may result in parents being asked not to take photos or video in school.



Parking

Please take care when parking cars to pick up or drop children off at school. Children's safety is paramount. The Police visit all schools regularly to check that children are safe when arriving at, or leaving, school.

