



EAST BOLDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Community

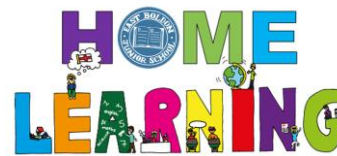
I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for everything you are doing. From talking to lots of families with children learning at home, you are doing an incredible balancing act of establishing new learning routines (tuning into lessons, assemblies and stories), as well as managing your own jobs, roles and pressures. This is incredibly hard and we are so proud of you. Please feel reassured that you are doing amazing jobs. Keeping your children at home is still the safest place and you are protecting your family, the local community and the NHS. There are some of you that have no alternative but to send your children into school. A huge thank you to you too for your critical roles in keeping us safe and healthy.



I would also like to thank the staff that I have the pleasure to work with every day. I knew I had an amazing team here at East Boldon Juniors, but I think this pandemic has made me look at things in a new light. Recently, I have watched in awe lessons being taught to not only children in the classroom but to children at home on a live feed. This is not an easy job and lots of schools have chosen not to offer this. The resources they have made behind the scenes, the planning they have created to ensure learning progression and their enthusiasm in the classroom astounds me every day. The wonderful office staff have new roles to complete and things are constantly changing; but they do so with a smile. The dinner staff are still ensuring our children, and staff, are looked after and fed wholesome hot meals. The caretaker and cleaning staff are working extra hours to ensure the school is meticulously cleaned and sanitized ready for

another day of learning. Without this amazing team, the school could simply not function and all while each member of staff has their own family to worry about during this time. The staff appreciate your words of encouragement and support. The reason that I am so proud of this team is because I know how much they care about the children, families and community here in East Boldon.

Stay safe and look after each other,
Tim Shenton



Online Units

All of our units are shared on Google Classroom but you can also see our diaries on our school website. Check out our [Home Learning Resources](#) section online today! It was a parent that suggested that we could have weekly stories on Zoom, which are now being enjoyed by many. If anyone has any other great ideas, please let us know and we will see if we can make it happen.

Routine

One of the greatest challenges for families at home is establishing daily routines. Some parents have shared with us that their child's mental health suffers when their routine stops. We recommend working with your children to establish a daily routine getting the children up, dressed and having breakfast like



they would for a regular school day. We have established a routine of assemblies and lessons for you to join us. Like adults, children thrive on routine.

SCHOOL AWARDS

Term dates for your diary (New items in bold)

Spring term:
 4th January – 12th February
 22nd February – 2nd April

- 1 Feb: Children’s Mental Health Week
- 1 & 8 Feb: Y3 and Y4 Zoom Story**
- 3 & 10 Feb: Y5 and Y6 Zoom Story**
- 8 Feb: Climate Change Week of Action
- 8 Feb: 5SC Bikeability week **cancelled**
- 22 Feb: 5JM Bikeability week

Let’s Celebrate!

Pupils at home and in school have been busy. Find our collages in our [News](#) section online.



Child Safety Reminders:

Stay safe

A huge thank you to the parents that have made so many sacrifices – explaining to children why we are not mixing in the park, not meeting in large groups to celebrate birthdays etc. These are difficult messages but important for the safety of children, families and staff.

Online lessons

You may have seen on social media the unfortunate families caught unaware on camera during live online lessons. This hasn’t happened in our school but please make everyone aware when you are online and your camera is running.

