



We have been very busy in school this last few weeks. Check out the images of The Holly and The Ivy Roadshow, Winter Warmer activities, our Christmas Movie Nights, Christmas Dinner and our Y4 outdoor carols. We hope that you all have a great break!





EAST BOLDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

‘Be the best that we can be’

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Season's Greetings

It has been a very challenging end to the term with a sudden influx of cases here in East Boldon. The good news is that families are telling us that children are okay and we are pleased to share that staff are too. Thank you for your excellent communication and we hope that you all have a great break with your families this holiday.

Mrs Gartland

We are so excited for Mrs Gartland, as she has taken the decision to change her career path and focus on a career that will allow more time with her young family. The governors, staff and families are very grateful for everything that Leanne has done for the families of East Boldon Junior School. We wish her the very best of luck in her next steps.

Norah's North Pole

It was a privilege for Mr Shenton to be invited along to visit the amazing elves at Norah's North Pole last week. They were so grateful for the hundreds of toys and selection boxes sent to vulnerable children across the north east by the people of East Boldon.



Sunderland AFC Flag Bearers

Ten of our pupils welcomed the players onto the pitch at the weekend and were given the best seats at the Stadium of Light for the victory against Plymouth. A big thank you to AK Teaching.



Victoria Tunnel

The pupils had an unbelievable first hand experience of what life was like during the Blitz. Fascinating! They had an amazing time supplementing their understanding of life during the WW2 period here in Tyne and Wear through a visit to The Victoria Tunnel. They explored where thousands sought shelter in Newcastle during air raids and what those hours underground would have been like. Not pleasurable for sure! After this, they heard from Basil, a local man, who was evacuated at the age of 10 to Barnard Castle. This really brought evacuation to life as he shared stories and artefacts.



New staff

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Winter and Miss Jones to our staff team in January.

Mrs Winter is an experienced SENCo and she will be our temporary SENCo for the year on secondment from Monkton Infants. Miss Jones will be teaching 4LG for the remainder of the school year. They both have excellent track records for supporting pupils and families. I know that you will all make them both feel very welcome.



Writers of the week

Year 3 – Martha & Emilia

Year 4 – Leah & Joel

Year 5 – Oliver & Kleanth

Year 6 – Jake & Eryn

Stars of the week

Year 3 – Sandy & Will

Year 4 – Vivienne & Emily

Year 5 – Ralph & Renae

Year 6 – Harry & Martha

Head Teacher Awards

Kleanth and Ryan (Y5) both impressed Mr Shenton recently with their *kindness*, *resilience* and *dedication* to their work.

Term dates for your diary (new dates in bold)

Following advice from public health and the local authority, schools in South Tyneside have had to risk assess visits and visitors in school. This has unfortunately stopped a few planned trips. We hope to add these to the calendar later in the year if possible.

Autumn term:

7th September – 22nd October

2nd November – 16th December

16 Dec: Last day of term

Teacher training INSET day: 17th December

Spring term:

4th January – 18th February

28th February – 8th April

4 Jan: New term starts

5 Jan: 3RP swimming starts (weekly)

6 Jan: 3JH swimming starts (weekly)

6 Jan: Y6 Ancient Greece Online Workshop

10 Jan: Y3 Garage Band lessons start (weekly)

10 Jan: Y5 Castle View PE lessons start (weekly)

13 Jan: Little Rescuers First Aid starts (weekly)

Half term: 21 Jan – 25 Jan

Child Safety Reminders:

Parking

Please take care when parking cars to pick up or drop children off at school. Children's safety is paramount.



Dogs



Unfortunately, as much as we love our four-legged friends, we do not allow dogs on site (apart from guide dogs).