

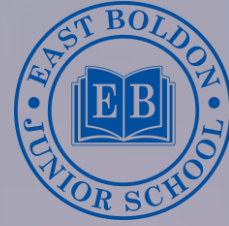


EAST BOLDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

‘Be the best that we can be’

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The Inside Scoop

Since our last newsletter only two weeks ago, we’ve had a few unforeseen issues around school. From the gas flow to the kitchens and temporary loss of internet to the power cut that damaged our fire alarm panel and loss of telephones – we’ve been on a bit of a rollercoaster but we have also shown that we can manage emergency situations. Thankfully, we managed (with the support of professionals in the Local Authority) to keep our school safe and open throughout the setbacks. Thank you again for your support and patience throughout. It is really appreciated.



Thank you, Mrs Stidolph

As you all know, after 22 years at East Boldon Juniors, Mrs Stidolph has decided that it is time to move on to her next adventure. Sarah is a caring and nurturing individual, who is particularly passionate about teaching French and has probably taught everyone in East Boldon under the age of 30 French at some time! It has been a pleasure to work with her and we all wish her the very best!

National Storytelling Week

We have enjoyed stories in school this week – excerpts from various novels in assemblies and in class. There’s no magic wand with learning to read but the best tip is to find an author that children love to read. Once they are hooked – you will see the progress. Why not share a book together this weekend?



Library Visits



Year 3 have started our second cycle of visits to our local library and each year group has booked a slot to pop along to change their library books over the next few months.

Attendance

Our attendance this year (95%) is above national average but hasn’t recovered to its pre-pandemic levels (96-97%).

So, every half term, we will be drawing the name of a pupil with 100% attendance to win an Amazon voucher to treat themselves to something nice.



We have also reintroduced our certificates to celebrate attendance. The pupils that attended school every day in the first half term earned the autumnal certificate and entered the draw for a voucher.



The pupils that attended every day for the second half term earned a winter certificate and also had a chance to win in our second prize draw.



Every pupil that attended the full term earned bronze 100% attendance badges. Could your child win a bronze or maybe the silver badge this term?



Writers of the week

Year 3 – Beau, Rosie, Felicity & Theo

Year 4 – Noah, Lois, Harry & Florence

Year 5 – James, Joseph, William & Ava

Year 6 – Said, Sophia, Georgia & Maya

Stars of the week

Year 3 – Jai, Alexandra, Jasmine & Max

Year 4 – Martha, Joel, Jamie & Emily

Year 5 – Alice, Tristan, Claudia & Ysabeau

Year 6 – Jessie, Tom, Charlie & Oliver

Head Teacher Awards

William (Y3), Martha, Niko (Y4), Jude (Y5), Cole and Jessie (Y6) have all impressed Mr Shenton recently by following our school values. Well done!

Term dates for your diary

Please keep an eye on this section, as we regularly add events to the calendar (**new dates in bold**).



Spring term:

8th January – 16th February

27th February – 28th March

5 Feb: Children's Mental Health Week

6 Feb: Safer Internet Day

12 Feb: Y6 @ Centre for Life

12/13 Feb: Parents/Carers' Evening

15 Feb: PTA Discos

Half Term Break 19th-23rd February

26 Feb: Staff Training Day

27 Feb: Y6 Medical School starts weekly

28 Feb: Y3 Parent Curriculum Event (AM)

7 Mar: Y3/Y4 Dogs' Trust Workshop

7 Mar: World Book Day (dress up optional)

8 Mar: Y5/6 Dogs' Trust Workshop

15 Mar: Comic Relief (dress up optional)

25-27 Mar: Y5 Residential @ Peat Rigg

29 Mar: Good Friday (School closed)

Easter Break 1st – 12th April

15 Apr: New term starts

15 Apr: 4MT Bikeability

16 Apr: 4TJ Bikeability

17 Apr: 5SC @ The Word

19 Apr: 5JM @ The Word

22 Apr: Earth Day

13 May: Y6 SATs Week

Child Safety Reminders:

Parking

Please drive slowly on North Lane and around the school gates. A few parents have expressed their concerns with the speed of vehicles. Thank you



Dogs



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