

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter



April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your support across this term. Although it has been as busy as ever, we have had some very successful events and it has been lovely to see many of you there!

Our Easter service was fantastic on Monday, with our Reception children having their moment to shine talking all about their learning and Springtime!

Our parent craft sessions have been well attended across this week too. Although it takes a little adjusting on those smaller chairs...I do hope parents/carers/family members enjoyed the sessions as much as we did. We really do feel it is important to share our learning and experiences with you—so thank you.

As part of our continuous monitoring, Mrs Munslow and I have been out and about in classrooms observing some maths sessions. It is really nice to see the children applying their skills taught and talking positively about maths. Mental maths is so important and at home this can be done in such a fun way....counting forwards and backwards climbing the stairs, checking the time...1 hour later...what time will it be? Counting in 2's 5's 10's....can you find any of these numbers in the environment? Measurements when baking....and many more! It is great to have your support with learning at home which consolidates what we are practising in school too.

I have been continuing to liaise with some companies about developing our Playground space...we are getting a little closer to making confirmed decisions....so I will keep parents up-to-date once we have confirmation. Hopefully these developments will take place in the Summer Break and will be ready for action in the new academic year.

Mrs Eggerton, Mrs Sangray and the Early Years team have been working closely with myself to look at further developments for the EYFS garden and outdoor space. We are looking to maximise space and learning environments further. We have taken delivery of two wooden huts which will house Literacy and Numeracy resources for the children to independently access and some resources to build up these areas even further.

For our Year 2 parents, I have met with Mr Shenton to arrange our transition arrangements across to the Junior School. These will begin after the May half term holiday and will consist of several visits across to the Junior School, for lunch, a playtime, an assembly, access to the ICT suite as well as time with Mr Shenton and the Y3 teachers. We have also arranged for Mr Shenton to join us for an assembly here at our school and time for the Year 3 teachers to spend time with their classes and speak with Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Munslow.

After an action packed term of learning, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Easter break. I look forward to seeing you all for our final Summer Term!

Best Wishes,
Miss Holt

A few Diary Dates coming up...

**Thursday 29th March—Break up for Easter Holidays! Chocolate Alert!
Have a lovely Easter Break!**

- Monday 16th April—Return to school
- W/B 23rd April—Book Fair in school
- **1st May until Friday 25th May—End of Key Stage Assessments taking place for Year 2**
- Monday 21st May—Year 1 to Beamish Museum—Details to follow
- Friday 18th May—am Durham Cricket All Stars in school

Miss Holt loves a quote!

‘Quiet people have the loudest minds’
Stephen Hawking



Science Week!

We had a very successful Science Week in school, with lots of experiments taking place across all classes! Our theme was based around light and dark, but each individual class decided on their own tasks across the week too. We had a wonderful day with colleagues from Harton Academy who worked with each class across the day and opened our children up to the wonderful world that is SCIENCE...with added additional resources and equipment to make it extra special!



Celebrating the Commonwealth

On w/b 16th April the School Meals team have planned a week of delicious meals from different countries in the Commonwealth to mark The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London. There will be different foods from Canada, Jamaica, Australia, Cyprus and India for the children to try....of course our packed lunch options and all dietary requirements will be catered for.



Proud of our Presentation...Proud to celebrate achievements

We love our Friday Celebration Assemblies and we now have a new addition...The East Boldon Proud Presentation Book! Each week classes can decide on a particular piece of work that they feel celebrates super effort with presentation. We are encouraging the children to think about how they set out their work, the size of their letters and numbers and making it as neat as we possibly can. Keep bringing in your swimming badges, gymnastics awards, football certificates and trophies, Judo belts...we love to celebrate the learning you do outside of school as well as inside!



Highlights...

Year 2 had a wonderful, informative trip to the Oriental Museum in Durham. This consolidated their learning about China across this term and they produced some fantastic clay terracotta warriors, had dragon dances and more!

Year 1 visited Castle Keep in Newcastle and were fully knight trained by the end of the day!

Excellent behaviour of ALL of the children was noted and commented on, on both trips which makes us very proud!!

Reception and Year 1 enjoyed an afternoon at Boldon School developing their PE skills through lots of multiskills work.

Parent Easter craft sessions were a wonderful end to our busy, busy term—thank you!

Please continue to keep up to date with school information, dates and events on our school website and twitter page!

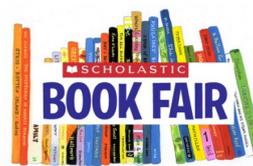
Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 23rd April until Thursday 26th April

It will be available to view and buy some lovely books everyday in the school hall.

It is a great opportunity for school as we receive a percentage of books bought, which allows us to add to the selection of books we have in our classrooms! It will be lovely to see you there!

Details will follow closer to the



Parent Teacher Association
Fundraiser Calculator...



Smarties Challenge....We raised over £800!!

Spring Fair..... We raised over £4000!!

This is truly wonderful for both our schools and HUGE thanks to all parents who contributed to the success of these events and our PTA members who work hard to make it happen!