

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter



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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 World Book Day celebrations (although later than the National date!) were wonderful this year! We had a fun-filled day with the poet Ian Bland and he worked with all children across the day and even included the dinner staff and myself in some of his poems!! Costumes were very creative and a huge thank you for the book in a box creations....we have managed to display all of them either in class or the hall.

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

As part of our continuous monitoring, Mrs Munslow and I have been out and about in classrooms observing some maths sessions. We were looking in particular at the principles of mastery of maths and what we noticed really coming through was the children's use of accurate language and their ability to make links in their learning. I know Mrs Munslow has also spoken with the children about Maths as part of our Pupil Voice monitoring too.

Work has begun in our Reception garden. This took a delay as we discovered that the existing rendering to the wall was in need of replacement and this could not happen in the inclement weather! This has however now been completed, so the next stage will be to replace the existing soft pour with artificial grass and Mr Orr is going to transform the end of the garden into a sensory garden for the children and will also make a feature of the hut into a role play area. Mrs Eggerton and Mrs Verity are going to select new additional resources for the area to enhance the new space created. We just can't wait—exciting times ahead!

We have placed up some new signs in the yard which the School Council decided upon. We are awaiting our new notice board for parents too which will be positioned near the front gate and will replace the two we currently have that are a little past their best now! We are also planning to remove the soft pour as you enter into school as this has also been in place for a long time and we will then look at further options for this space.

For our Year 2 parents, I have arranged to meet 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.

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

Best Wishes,
Miss Holt

A few Diary Dates coming up...

**Friday 5th April—Break up for Easter Holidays! Chocolate Alert!
Have a lovely Easter Break!**

- Tuesday 23rd April—Return to school
- W/B 29th April until Thursday 2nd May—Book Fair in school
- Thursday 2nd May—Reception and Year 1 Multiskills Festival at Boldon School (pm)
- Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

**1st May until Friday 24th May—End of Key Stage Assessments
taking place for Year 2**

Can you help?

Mr Orr is busy creating wonderful ideas for our 'Sensory Garden' within Reception's garden area. He has requested some clear, glass jars to build into his design. If any parents have any (before they go into the recycling bin!) could they please be sent into school. Thank you!

Miss Holt loves a quote!

“Surround yourself with people who will only lift you higher!”
Oprah Winfrey



Community Links

We are really happy to have made links with Bryony Park Nursing Home in Southwick. Mrs Verity and myself have visited and Jill the Home Manager will visit us soon. We are hoping these links will be of benefit to both settings—allowing our young children to work with the elderly on little projects and maybe even becoming pen pals! As soon as we have more plans we will let parents know!



Reception Parent Share

As all of our Reception Parents will be aware, we now have an electronic learning journey which has meant increased amounts of observations can be taken of your child.

There is the option of parent share, which allows the staff to send you observations of your child, but also allows you to comment or even send across your own to contribute to the learning journey. All parents are now signed up, so please check your emails! We would really like to see as many parents as possible contributing now we have this system up and running—it will be so valuable to your child's learning journey at the end of the year.

If you are unsure about the system, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see Mrs Eggerton or Mrs Verity who will be more than happy to help. Thank you for your continued support.

Parent Share
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Money, money, money....

As I mentioned to all parents in my last newsletter, we are looking into different electronic systems to become cashless. As we look into this, we will continue to accept cash for milk/trips/clubs etc. **However please could all monies be sent into school in a labelled envelope.** This will avoid any confusion and prevent money from becoming dropped/lost..
Thank you!

Highlights....

We enjoyed an interesting assembly from Explore Learning and they followed this up with some writing with our Year 2 children which will be entered into a competition. It is really important that our children see the purpose of writing and have different audiences for their writing too. Year 1 children are also encouraged to join in the competition—their packs will have been sent home to complete. Could any entries be sent back into school by Friday 26th April when they will all be collected by Explore Learning.

Reception have a lovely trip planned to Beamish on the 4th April to consolidate their work on Fairy Tales.. We are hoping the sun shines...fingers crossed!!

Thank you to Ian Bland our travelling poet who entertained us all day on World Book Day.

We raised £89.10 for Comic Relief. Thank you for all donations!

We have had 2 parent information evenings that have provided overviews about the Phonics Screening and End of Key Stage 1 assessments.

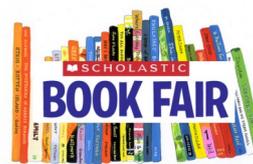
Thank you for all those who attended.

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 29th April until Thursday 2nd May** 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!



Parent Teacher Association
Spring Fair Total....

Approximately
£4, 500!!



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