

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter

December 2018



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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has certainly been a busy one in school and the children are doing so well fitting Christmas rehearsals around continuing teaching and learning. The time seems to have approached us quickly despite it being a longer half term! I always look forward to seeing the productions as I can often hear the beautiful singing from the hall, but I purposely try to avoid watching so I can see the full effect with yourselves on the day!

Thank you to all parents who attended parents evenings with their child's teacher. I hope you enjoyed the chance to look at work and speak with staff about how well your child has settled. We decided to send home short target slips after these meetings, just to give parents little pointers of how we would be supporting your child to improve in the core areas. We really hope you found them useful and gave you an understanding of how you could also support at home. As always, if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or make an appointment with myself.

In the Spring Term I will be sending out our annual Parent Questionnaire to gain feedback from parents and carers. We are always looking to celebrate our special school, but of course we are looking for ways to further develop it too and your responses to this will be greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder for all our Year 2 parents. Admission forms for the Junior School are to be completed and the deadline for applications is Tuesday 15th January. I believe all parents have been written to, if you have any questions please contact the Schools Admissions Team on 0191 424 7706.

Could I also remind parents to send in book bags with their child each day with your child's reading books enclosed. This ensures that it is possible for staff to read with your child on a different day if necessary and ensures the book can be sent back home with your child. Please also regularly check your child's book bag. We send a lot of correspondence via parent mail, but we often send paper letters too, particularly about trips, so it is important to keep checking book bags! We do encourage the children to be as independent as possible and to empty bags themselves, however it is important just to double check!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. I hope the holiday is a relaxing one for the children (and staff!) shared with family and friends! I look forward to seeing you all in 2019!

Best Wishes,
Miss Holt

A few Diary Dates coming up...

Christmas is coming.....

- Monday 3rd December –Toy Service led by Year 2 children at St George's Church 2.15pm
- Tuesday 4th December—Reception Visit to West Boldon Lodge (pm) (Class 6)
- *Wednesday 5th December—PTA Christmas Fair 3.45–5.45 in school*
- Tuesday 11th December—Reception Visit to West Boldon Lodge (am) (Class 5)
- Tuesday 11th December—Reception and Year 1 Christmas Play 2pm St George's Church
- Wednesday 12th December—Reception and Year 1 Christmas Play 9.30 St George's Church
- Thursday 13th December—Year 2 Christmas Sing-a-long 2.15pm St George's Church.
- Tuesday 18th December— Christmas Dinner in school
- Wednesday 19th December—Children's Christmas Parties pm in school
- **Thursday 20th December—School finishes for Christmas Holidays!**
- **Friday 21st December—INSET Day—school closed for children**

School Re-opens Monday 7th January 2019

Raffle Time....

There will be a Christmas Raffle held at each Christmas Performance at St George's Church. Tickets are £1 a strip and the money raised will help fund our Christmas Party and activities.



Miss Holt
loves a quote!

"There are far better things ahead than any we would
leave behind"
CS Lewis



Parking Awareness and Safety for all!

We are fully aware of the difficulty of parking during drop off and pick up times. We are continuing to work with the Local Authority to look at ways of improving this, however the safety of our children and families is paramount. Particularly as the colder weather approaches and more parents may bring their cars to school, please be mindful about where you park and ensure it is safe for all those around. Pavements around our school are narrow so please take care and be cautious of all pedestrians. Thank you.



Just a few reminders...

There have been a few cases of headlice across the term. As an Infant school this can be common at times. Please be vigilant in checking your child's hair regularly and promoting regular hand washing.

As the darker nights approach us, can I once again ask parents/carers to move closer to the teacher at collection time. It is important that the teachers can clearly see that the children are safely met by the person collecting them, especially in our busy yard.

Mrs O'Brien and I have been monitoring attendance across this term. Please note that any child whose absence drops below 90% is considered a persistent absentee with the Local Authority. The Government now classes 95% as GOOD attendance. We may contact parents for a short meeting for any child whose attendance is a concern to chat about ways of supporting families following our Autumn Term analysis

When sending water bottles into school, please ensure they contain water only. We have had a few children bringing in juice or flavoured water. We try to encourage the children to drink fresh water across the day and they also have access to the water fountain in school if they need to.

Many Thanks for your continued support as always.

Remembrance Day update

Thank you for all of the donations towards The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



We are still awaiting the total raised for our collection.



Thank you for all donations to Children in Need...

We raised a grand total of £113.30!

Christmas Jumper Day

We know that the annual Save the Children Christmas jumper day is held in December.

We have decided that as a lovely way to end for our Christmas Holidays, the children will be able to come to school in their Christmas Jumpers on our last day

Thursday 20th December.

Children do not need to make a donation for this as we have collected for a range of charities/events across the term but just wish for the children (and staff!) to enjoy their last day with a fun themed jumper!



Highlights....

Year 1 had a fantastic time at the Tennis tournament at Boldon School this week...watch out..definitely some Andy Murrays of the future to look out for!



Year 2 also enjoyed their multi skills festival at Boldon School. We are really happy with our links with Boldon School allowing our children to have many exciting opportunities to develop their sporting skills!

Year 1 and 2 have both been to The Open Zone at The Word this half term. Both Year groups accessed the Green Screen as well as working with the staff to develop their computing skills using some of the wonderful facilities.

We are looking forward to an action packed end of term with Reception visiting West Boldon Lodge for their Winter Wonderland—hopefully Santa will be there for us!



Parent Teacher Association

Our Annual Christmas Fair will take place this week on Wednesday 5th December in the school hall from 3.45-5.45 Please pop along and support the PTA....crafts/ raffle/refreshments/Santa and lots of fun!

