

# East Boldon Infant School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This first half term has once again been a busy one in school with some wonderful, exciting topics and themes of learning around school. Reception have been learning about Toys and looking at toys from the past as well as toys from today. Year 1 have become Polar Explorers and there is nothing they don't know about Antarctica! Year 2 have been studying China this term and have included a trip to the Oriental Museum as part of their work.

Our curriculum is a huge part of our school as we want the learning to be as exciting as possible for the children. We talk a lot in school about Growth Mindset, being the best we can be, resilient and not giving up. We have therefore began to look at extending our curriculum with 'Learning Challenges'. This will take the form of questions, which the children will answer over the course of the learning through the topic. Mrs Verity and I are attending training in March about this so soon after we will be able to share more information with yourselves.

In our effort to be an altogether 'Greener' school we have set up our Eco Warriors Club with Miss Rutherford! We have worked with the Local Authority and have installed paper bins in each class to help each class be more paper aware and hopefully we can see more of our scrap bits of paper recycled. We have arranged for a larger paper bin outside to help us to recycle more. Miss Rutherford also has super plans for plastic bricks.....our Eco Warriors will be able to report on this.

Thank you to all parents/carers and family members who joined us for parent workshops. They have all been well attended and I do hope that the chance to come into school and work with your child on a piece of learning has been an enjoyable experience and has given you an insight into how the learning takes place in school.

We have decided to hold a separate parents information evening about the End of Key Stage Assessments for our Year 2 children and the Phonics Screening Test for our Year 1 children. This should hopefully allow for a more dedicated slot to provide you with the information to support your child at home for these assessments.

I have spent time with our School Council Members this half term and we have finally decided on some new signs for our yard! It did take us a while as there was a lot that the children liked (nearly the whole book!) so we had to look closely at which ones were most suitable! They always have so much to share, it is a pleasure to work with them and they make some good decisions for our school!

Parents' Evenings will begin after the half term break and I hope to see all parents in attendance. It is a great opportunity for you to view your children's work and to speak with their class teacher about how they are doing and how you can best support your child.

Wishing you all a lovely, safe upcoming half term break.

Many Thanks for your continued support,  
Miss Holt

### Just a general reminder....

We have had a few days recently where colder weather has appeared quite quickly! Could I please ask that on these colder days children have all suitable clothing in school to allow them to play outside comfortably and keep warm and dry as we do still like the children to access the outdoor play when they can! Many thanks for your continued support.



### A few Diary Dates coming up...

- Wednesday 13th February—Road Safety Awareness for Reception in school
- Wednesday 13th February—5pm—End of KS1 assessment meeting for Y2 Parents
- Thursday 14th February—Road Safety Awareness for Year 1 in school
- Thursday 14th February—Deadline for uniform orders into school please
- W/B Monday 25th February –Fairtrade Fortnight

**Friday 15th February—Break up for half term**  
**Return to school—Monday 25th February**

Miss Holt loves a quote!

'Live life to the fullest and focus on the positive'  
Matt Cameron



## Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the Autumn Term was 97% This is amazing, despite lots of illnesses being around! We celebrate our attendance in school each week and our entrance has a record of class attendances. Any child with 100% attendance across a term will receive a certificate and 100% attendance across the year receives a prize from myself..

Please note that for any Leave of Absence in term time, a Leave of Absence form needs to be completed. Holidays in term time will not be approved and only leave of absence under exceptional circumstances will be approved.

Time in school is precious and ensures the children are learning to the max! We closely monitor attendance on a weekly and half termly basis. Any attendance concerns may involve a short meeting with myself to look at any ways of supporting yourselves. If anyone has any concerns about attendance please do not hesitate to contact the school office, or arrange an appointment with myself. Thank you, as always for your

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

## Teaching Student Partnership

We are really fortunate to be working in partnership with Sunderland University Primary Teaching Students.. Mrs Verity has arranged for the students to work in school every Tuesday for either the morning or the afternoon session.. This is a great opportunity for the students to gain valuable experience in school, but also allows them to support the Teaching and Learning in classes too. We look forward to working with them across the rest of this academic year.

## Safeguarding Reminder

Can I just remind all parents that if you need to come into school at the end of the day, to maybe look for a piece of lost property, then it is important that you wait until all of the children have been safely seen to their parents/carers and that permission is sought from a member of staff. We still have children in school for after school clubs and for safeguarding purposes we need to know of any adults entering and leaving the building for the safety of everyone. Many thanks for your support with this matter..



## Highlights....

Our Year 2 swimming groups have begun and Mrs Munslow has been really impressed with their confidence and skills! They will continue to attend in groups until May and is a great supplement to their PE curriculum.

Year 2 had a fab time at the Oriental Museum. Workshops included making clay warriors, handling artefacts, fact finding in the museum and a Chinese New Year role play. This complemented their curriculum work perfectly.

Parent Workshops enabled parents to join us in school for learning alongside the children—we really enjoyed it! Thank you for the positive and constructive feedback!

Our Golden Table continues to be a success each Friday. The children are rewarded for the politeness and behaviour across lunchtimes and get the chance to eat their lunch on a special table with Miss Holt or



## Parents Evenings—Save the dates

Class 1 2.30-5.30 –Tues 5th March, Tues 12th March

Class 2 2.30-5.30 Mon 11th March, Wed 13th March

Class 3 2.30-5.30 Wed 6th March, Mon 11th March

Class 4 2.30-5.30 Tues 5th March, Tues 12th March

Class 5 2.30-5.30 Thurs 7th March, Mon 11th March

Class 6 2.30-5.30 Wed 6th March, Wed 13th March

Parent Teacher Association  
Upcoming events...

**PTA Non Uniform Day in school**  
**Friday 22nd March**

**Saturday 30th March Spring Fair at the Junior**  
**School (across the morning)**

