

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter



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It's official....we are a Kindness School!

We submitted our application and at the end of January we took delivery of our Kindness Award! Hurray! This recognises all of our work and efforts towards kindness in school...our kindness elves, our kindness awards, kindness club, spreading kindness in the community and of course our links with Bryony Park Nursing Home.

We will continue on our Kindness Journey!

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. Please remember we add our topic webs onto our website for your reference. 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 The Great Fire of London this term and have thoroughly enjoyed being Historians!

We have introduced some new approaches to our reading this term. In Years 1 and 2 the children read as a pair every day. We feel this helps our children to become more confident and fluent as they read and they build up a full comprehension of the text by the end of the week. Also...book swap has begun! As we don't have a dedicated library in school, book swap enables the children to borrow books from the box and return them to be swapped when they would like to choose another book.

We have enjoyed welcoming parents/carers into school for our parent workshops. We hope this 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 Check 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.

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

A few Diary Dates coming up...

- w/b 3.2.20—World Child's Mental Health Week
- w/b 10.2.20 - Computing Week in school
- Tuesday 11th February—Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 12th February 5-6pm Kidsafe parents Meeting in school
- Thursday 13th February 5-6pm End of Key Stage Assessments Meeting for parents

Friday 14th February—Break up for half term

Return to school—Monday 24th February

Miss Holt loves a quote!

'The secret to getting ahead is getting started'
Mark Twain



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the Autumn Term was 95.5% This was good 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. We also have a celebration breakfast each half term for the class with the highest termly attendance. 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 continued support.

Safety First.....

The improvements outside of school have certainly made a difference to the safety of our children as they enter and leave school. Please can I remind all parents who drive to/from school just to be mindful of the volume of children around this area and to please take care! The safety of all of our children/parents/carers is paramount. Thank you!

Parent Pay

Thank you to all parents who have signed up for Parent Pay already. I hope that this system will help you with the payment of events/milk in school. As we intend to be cashless within the office, if you have not yet signed up, please do so. A new activation code can be received from the Office, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs O'Brien.

Highlights....

Our Reception children had a wonderful time at Asiana Restaurant in Sunderland. They were made very welcome by the team and sampled some delicious food.

We had a successful STEM workshop in school courtesy of ESH. The children found out about the different jobs that involved STEM and had a great experience.

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 Mrs O'Donnell.



Parents Evenings after half term

Class 1 2.30-5.30 –Tues 25th, Feb, Wed 26th Feb

Class 2 2.30-5.30 Mon 24th, Feb Thurs 27th Feb

Class 3 2.30-5.30 Tues 25th Feb, Thurs 27th Feb

Class 4 2.30-5.30 Mon 24th Feb, Wed 26th Feb

Class 5 2.30-5.30 Tues 25th Feb, Thurs 27th Feb

Class 6 2.30-5.30 Mon 24th Feb, Wed 26th Feb

Signing up sheets available from the office

Parent Teacher Association
upcoming events...

PTA Non Uniform Day in school

Friday 13th March

Saturday 21st March Spring Fair at the Junior School (across the morning)

