

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter

July 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we are in the final weeks of this year which has once again been fantastic! The children have worked so hard and this has paid off with some really good results across all year groups. These will be uploaded onto our website in September for all parents to view. In a time with lots of changes, our youngest children cope remarkably well and for staff, we aim to make it as fun as possible for our children.

Transitions have gone really well. Our new Reception children have enjoyed 2 visits into school now and we look forward to welcoming them all in September. Year 2 have had a few trips across to the Juniors and have met Mr Shenton and some other members of staff, as well as taking part in an assembly and having a lunchtime experience — very important! Reception and Year 1 have had the chance to visit their new classrooms and meet their new staff members for the year groups.

Our Health and Fitness Fortnight is well planned and we look forward to welcoming yourselves to our Sports Day on the afternoon of Wednesday 4th July. We also have visits from Hoopstarz and The Skipping School as well as some local gymnastics coaches who will work with our children and bring lovely experiences

We have the final plans in place for our development of the school yard. The first stage will take place in September (hopefully!) and will involve the replacement of the trim trail and pirate ship.

We are also continuing our development work in school. Three classroom floors will be replaced this summer break, with the further three scheduled for next summer 2019. Although this is further disruption, we know it is important to keep our building up-to date and we know the flooring will be absolutely lovely for our staff and children in September!

It will soon be time to say goodbye to our Year 2 children. They have had an amazing 3 years at our school and it has been wonderful for all staff to see them grow, develop and achieve. We know they will continue well on their learning journey at the Juniors—don't forget us though and you are always welcome back to see us and say hello! There is a special memories assembly for our Year 2 parent/carers on Monday 9th July at 2.15pm in the school hall.

On a personal and staff note, we would like to extend our thanks to all parents/carers for their continued support over the last year. I feel very proud to be headteacher of such a fantastic school, working with wonderful children and staff and such supportive parents. Have a fantastic, restful and safe summer break and all of the staff look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Best Wishes,
Miss Holt

We would like to wish Mrs Davies a restful maternity leave! Baby Davies number 2 is due to arrive at the end of August and we will keep all parents/carers up to date with the new arrival. Enjoy every minute!



Other wonderful news we would like to share is that Mrs MacDonald will be married in the Summer Holidays. On return in September she will be the new Mrs Hudson! We wish both her and her new husband-to-be every happiness!



A few Diary Dates coming up...

- Wednesday 4th July 1.30—Sports and Dance afternoon in the school yard—weather permitting!
- Monday 9th July 2.15pm—Year 2 leavers assembly in the school hall
- Friday 13th July 2.30pm—East Boldon Strings concert at St George's Church (Parents of musicians only)
- Tuesday 17th July pm moving up afternoon—Y2's to Junior School (Parents to collect Y2 children from the Junior School)

Friday 20th July—School finishes for the Summer Break—happy holidays!

School Returns Tuesday 4th September 2018

Miss Holt loves a quote!

'Today is your day, Your mountain is waiting. So...get on your way!
Dr Suess



up to date contact information

Just a reminder to all parents/carers to ensure we have up to date contact information for yourselves in case we need to contact you in an emergency or for illness/sickness. If you think your number has changed please pop in to the school office so we can update our records.

Reading for Pleasure—The Summer 18 Challenge!

We place a high importance on reading for pleasure and enjoyment at East Boldon Infant School. Last year I set a Reading for Pleasure Summer Challenge—asking for the children to have their picture taken reading in an 'unusual' spot...the more inventive the better! Staff also took part in this and it has formed a wonderful display, showing how much importance we place on reading and also the children just kept enjoying looking at it too!

I would like to set this challenge again for Summer 18! Can you beat your inventive picture from last year? Do you know you are heading off on holiday that will make a fabulous Reading for Pleasure shot? Please have fun with this challenge and send in your snaps after the summer break. I can't wait to see the pictures!

So why read for pleasure.....?

- it increases sense of achievement, confidence, self-esteem and self-awareness
- it widens horizons
- you can do it anywhere!
- it develops relationships and promotes inclusion and empathy through sharing opinions and ideas
- it prevents boredom and promotes relaxation



The local libraries also have **Summer Reading Challenges** for children to participate too! Have fun with reading this summer! For more information please log on to the South Tyneside Libraries website, accessing the Summer Reading Challenge for more information

<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/34380/Summer-Reading-Challenge>

Highlights....

We had a fantastic trip to Souter Lighthouse for our Year 2's and we were really lucky with the weather too!



We celebrated a non-uniform day with a World Cup feel..... lots of sportswear and football shirts. We're keeping our fingers crossed that England do really well this World Cup!

Visits from Hoopstarz, Skipping School and gymnastics coaches to enhance our Health and Fitness fortnight.

The Splash Pantomime from Northumbria Water gave us lots of information about the importance of water for ourselves as well as at home too!

Our Year 2's have been well informed about Road Safety after several sessions from the Road Safety Team at the Local Authority.

Parent Teacher Association

Shorts and Shades Summer Discos in School!

Reception—Monday 9th July

Year 1—Tuesday 10th July

Year 2—Wednesday 11th July



All discos are from 4pm—5pm in the school

hall.. There will be music/games/drinks and a cake/biscuit.

Taking Photographs in school time

In line with our consent forms for photographs being taken in school, can I just remind parents to be mindful about taking photographs in the school yard after school and at events such as our upcoming Sports Day. Please ensure photographs are of your own child, unless you have permission from the parents of the other children in the picture! Thank you!

