

# East Boldon Infant School

## Newsletter



March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I really can not believe how quickly this term is whizzing by! Thank you for all of your continued support as we really are keeping very busy with our events/activities in school as well as continuing teaching and learning!

I just want to extend my thanks for your patience and understanding last week during our snow period. Closing the school is an absolute last resort, however it was done so in the interests of the safety of everyone. We endeavoured to keep parents fully up to date as decisions were made (despite a ParentMail overload!) so, once again thank you.

Parent's Evenings have taken place across the first two weeks back and it has been lovely to see so many parents attending. For the cancelled parents evenings due to the snow, these will be rescheduled and parents informed. I will shortly be sending out our annual parent questionnaire, via Google Drive as well as on paper. Please only complete the questionnaire once, in the way you feel most comfortable! We really do value your responses. Myself and all of the staff value the school highly and want to continue to make it the best possible, so all responses both positive and constructive will be greatly appreciated. We will also send out a child questionnaire too. I appreciate they may need yourselves to spend a little time with them to complete this, we have amended a few questions slightly to help make it as easy as possible for the children. Again, although I speak regularly with the children and the School Council, it is very useful to the whole staff to find out the children's opinions on certain parts of school life!

We have begun to prepare some Easter activities for the end of term, and really hope parents/other family members can join us for the craft sessions in school. Reception will be sharing an Easter Assembly with parents on Monday 26th March on our last week of term at St George's Church at 2.15pm. This is a slight change to previous years when our Year 1's have led an Assembly, but we feel it is important for each of our year groups to 'lead' an assembly across the year. It will be lovely to see parents there at this event. Today has also been World Book Day—rearranged from last week and WOW...the costumes have been fantastic and we have enjoyed a lovely day!

We will be asking for Milk Money for the Summer Term to be handed into school before the Easter break. This will allow final numbers to be given to the dairy in plenty time so all children can be allocated their milk straight after the Easter break.

Just a little note on attendance. Leave of Absence forms must be completed for any planned time away from school. Unfortunately Leave of Absence will only be granted for exceptional circumstances. The Local Authority are fining parents for unauthorised absences of ten sessions (5 days) or more. Attendance at school regularly and on time, is vital to ensure your child achieves the best they can. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Well...it's certainly a little more cheery now the lighter mornings and evenings are finally showing....but I am still wishing for warmer and sunnier weather now!

Best Wishes,  
Miss Holt

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

- Saturday 10th March—Spring Fair at East Boldon Junior School 10am.
- w/b Monday 12th March—Science week in school
- Monday 19th March—Year 2 trip to Durham Oriental Museum
- Wednesday 21st March—Year 1 trip to Castle Keep in Newcastle
- Monday 26th March—Easter Assembly at St George's Church 2.15pm—All welcome!

**Thursday 29th March—Break up for Easter Holidays! Chocolate Alert!**  
**School returns on Monday 16th April.**  
**Have a lovely Easter Break!**

Miss Holt loves a quote!

'Good words bring good feeling to the heart. Speak with kindness always'.

Rod Williams



## Kidsafe

As most parents will know we are a registered Kidsafe school and have been for the past few years. This is a nationally recognised scheme and our tutor in school is Mrs Davies. She will be beginning to deliver recap sessions with our Year 1's and Year 2's over the coming weeks. Our youngest children in Reception will be given their sessions in the Summer Term.

After each session your child will be given a letter to bring home about what has been discussed in the session. These sessions are incredibly important, discussing the importance of keeping safe in a variety of situations and empowers our children to keep themselves safe too.

A parents meeting to inform our Reception Parents about the programme will be held on **TUESDAY 20TH MARCH** at **5pm**. Please pop along if you can, it will last approximately half an hour. Thank you.

## Medication Reminders

Just a little reminder about medication in school. For all medication in school a care plan needs to be completed. For long term medication such as Asthma, it is parents' responsibility to ensure the medication we hold in school is within date. Please keep checking with your child's class teacher—the expiry date is also on the care plan completed. For specific medical conditions, the school nurse completes a care plan with parents.

If your child needs short term medication following an illness, a short term care plan needs to be completed with the Head-teacher/Deputy Headteacher. This should be completed with parents on the morning of the first day of administering the medication. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office, or myself.

## Highlights...

Year 2 have visited the Open Zone @ The Word and have been learning about animation. It is wonderful that we have those strong links to enable our children to experience these wonderful facilities.

Time to Talk day was lovely day with lots of talking and sharing about what we like about each other.

Safer Internet Day was very productive...I even managed to chat with children about how they stay safe and I was super impressed by the children's responses.

Of course...SNOW DAY! Although we would have liked to have been in school, I have heard many lovely stories of how the children enjoyed their snow days....snow men, igloos, sledging. All amazing experiences for the children.



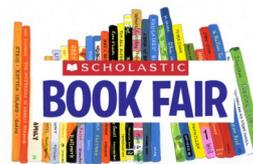
**Please continue to keep up to date with school information on our school website and twitter page!**

## Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 23rd April until Thursday 26th April

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!



Details will follow closer to the

## Parent Teacher Association

The annual Spring Fair Coffee Morning will take place on **Saturday March 10th** at **East Boldon Junior School**.

There will be plenty of stalls/tombolas and refreshments so pop along and join in the fun!

**Thank you for all of the donations sent into school for the tombola.**

