

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter

May 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone is well rested after the Easter Break. Although the sun didn't quite shine throughout for us, hopefully a late Spring is in the air for us now!

The Summer term is a busy one with lots of events planned in school. This first half term is quite an important one for our Year 2's as they carry out their end of key stage assessments in class. Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Munslow have planned out the month very carefully to ensure as much normality as possible and the children will work in small groups to complete the assessments.

Year 1's are working hard towards their Phonics Screening Testing in June and of course, your support with practise at home with this is really useful—just a few minutes revising sounds and practising blending a few times a week will really help your child and consolidate the work happening in class—please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

The play equipment has been taken down in the Reception garden in the Easter break and WOW what space we now have! Mrs Eggerton and Mrs Sangray will be planning out this area carefully for the children to make the most of the space outdoors.

We also have a special delivery happening in Reception this month...I am sure the children will let all parents/carers know about the delivery when it happens!!

Thank you to all parents and children who contributed to the Questionnaire. I have totalled up all of the responses and am busy analysing the results. It is so lovely to read all your positive comments and of course the constructive feedback comments will be addressed where possible. I will send out to parents once this is complete.

Ele, our cello tutor will be working with Reception across this next half term giving some short music lessons. This will hopefully inspire some further musical talent for our violins and cellos in Year 1 and 2. Reception parents will be given further information soon about a session they can attend to find out more about the programme and to observe some of our Year 2 musicians who have followed two years of the programme.

We are hopeful to put our final arrangements to the adjustments to the school yard. The school council have worked with me to look into designs and layouts and we have enjoyed looking in catalogues at what visions we have in mind to improve our yard space.

Here's to a fun, productive (and busy!) term ahead! Of course any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or make an appointment to see me.

Best Wishes,
Miss Holt

A few Diary Dates coming up...

- Tuesday 1st May –Friday 25th May –End of Key Stage assessments taking place in school for our Year 2's across this period.
- **Monday 7th May—May Day—off school this day!**
- Monday 21st May—Year 1 to Beamish—**more details to follow!**
- Tuesday 22nd May—Reception to Hall Hill Farm—**more details to follow!**
- **Friday 25th May - School Finishes for half term**
Return to School—Monday 4th June
- Tuesday 5th June—Tempest Photography—Class Photographs
- Monday 11th June—Friday 15th June—Phonics Screening Week for Year 1's and Y2 retakes
- Wednesday 13th June—Year 2 to Souter Lighthouse—**more details to follow!**

Miss Holt loves a quote!

'A person who has never made a mistake, has never tried anything new'
Albert Einstein



Parent and Pupil Questionnaire

Many Thanks for all of the completed questionnaires on Google Drive and those handed in on paper. I am busy collating all of the results and will send these out to parents and pupils as soon as I can. We did receive 85 responses, which is 13 more than the last questionnaire...so a definite improvement again! Thank you!

Well Done Class 1!

Well Done to Class 1! Miss Rutherford entered her class into a competition for the BEST experiment in Science week and we have found out that they have won! Their prize was a selection of planting resources—perfect for this term!



Special News and Congratulations!

I am really happy to share the news with you that Mrs Davies is expecting her second child in the Summer! This is such wonderful news and we are all thrilled!

Mrs Davies will continue to be Class 2's teacher right up until the end of the Summer Term, when she will begin her maternity leave.

Miss Rutherford (Class 1's teacher presently) will be continuing on as a temporary teacher in September and will cover Mrs Davies' Maternity leave until she returns back to school. Miss Rutherford has become a valued member of the teaching team since starting at East Boldon Infants and knows our school well and we are happy she has agreed to continue teaching here next year.

Staffing updates...

Just to keep parents updated...we have shortlisted for the post of Class Teacher with Curriculum Lead responsibility and we are in the process of observing and interviewing candidates over the coming weeks.

Once the post has been secured, I will finalise staffing arrangements for September and inform parents of where particular staff will be for the coming year ahead. Many thanks for your understanding at this busy time.



CAN YOU HELP?

Mr Orr is in the process of making some new planters and updating our Spring hanging baskets in the school yard. If any parents have purchased any bedding plants and have any spare or left over...we would really appreciate your donations. Please send any donations into school in a carrier bag. THANK YOU!

Highlights....

Our Easter Craft sessions were a huge success! Feedback from all that attended was very positive and this is something we hope to make an annual event. Many thanks to all parents and family members who attended.

Our Reception children led a fantastic Easter Service at St George's Church. It was a wonderful afternoon and again such a fantastic support from parents and relatives who attended—thank you!

The children enjoyed a delicious Commonwealth Themed dinner menu last week with tastes of India and Jamaica....Miss Holt's favourite was the Beef Curry!



Our lovely plants are beginning to grow in our school yard....Spring is definitely here....but we do need some more....can you help?

Book Fair!

Once again our Book Fair has been a super success and it was lovely to see so many faces! All together we raised over £700 which we can purchase for books in school.

THANK YOU!



Alan the Lollypop Man update

I know many parents/carers and children have been asking about how Alan was doing as he has been absent from his position for a while.

Alan popped into school this week and has informed us he has fractured a bone in his back! Ouch! He is looking really well now and is on the mend but is awaiting an operation to help his back improve. He told us to thank you all for all the messages he has received and will keep us all informed when he will return. Thank you.

