



East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well after the news of another Lockdown beginning this week, I think many of us once again may be feeling unsettled. However, the joy of working with children is the resilience and happiness they bring to us all. We will continue to work with our established routines in school, keeping the safety and well being of our staff, children and whole community at the forefront and maintaining our teaching and high expectations. Thank you to you all for adapting to our introduction of face coverings. I know this is something many schools have already implemented, however in the light of the National Restrictions, I do feel it is important that we look at every way of keeping ourselves safe. I will continue to maintain a presence in the yard most days, to welcome each and every one of you—Remember— We can do this! We are in this together!

We spent part of our INSET day, planning for the term ahead. A term normally bustling with Christmas events, we know we will be once again working a little differently, but we want to keep the experiences for the children as exciting as we can! We will be having parties, we will be making Christmas crafts, we will be doing some form of performance....but watch this space as we finalise how we can work this in the safest way for everyone!

A new half term and new learning questions begin for each year group. Reception “What is a celebration?”, Year 1 “Where am I from and where have I been?” and “What is a material?” and Year 2 “What would an alien find exciting about our village/country?” and “Could an animal survive in space?”

Parents’ Evening chats have begun this week and will take place next week too. I hope you find these useful discussions about how your child has settled in to school, what we are working on with your child in school and how you can best support your child too. As always, short target slips will have come home with your child which are helpful pointers of things we are working on in class to help your child progress.

Poppy Day will be discussed in school as always, at an age appropriate level and on Wednesday 11th November at 11am, each class will take part in a 1 minute’s silence. We normally create a Poppy display that can be observed to our visitor’s entering school—but this year we are bringing the display to you...keep a look out!! I have placed some information from Friends of East Boldon Parks on the second page with regards to the celebrations in the area at this strange time.

Anti Bullying week will take place from Monday 16th November and we will be spending time across the week discussing friendships, co-operation and working together. As a Kidsafe school, we follow the principles of keeping ourselves safe and this will be revisited with the children too. We ask that on Monday 16th November, each child can come in to school wearing odd socks for the day, to celebrate differences in a fun manner!

We are all looking forward to the term ahead!

Best wishes,
Miss Holt

A few Diary Dates coming up...

- Tuesday 3rd/Wednesday 4th November—Parents Evening Phone calls
- Friday 6th November—Tempest Photography in school—Individuals only (in school only) Photographs (adhering to our school risk assessment)
- Tuesday 10th/Wednesday 11th November—Parents Evening Phone calls
- W/B 16th November—Anti Bullying Week in school.



Miss Holt loves a quote!



Attendance
Superstars at EBI



As you are aware, as a school we monitor attendance on a regular basis. I just wanted to share with you all how proud I am of the attendance since the return to school in September. Overall since September **our attendance is 98.77%**. This is BRILLIANT!. Thank you to all parents/carers for working with us and ensuring children are in school and learning to the max!



Remembrance Sunday/Poppy Day



It was lovely to see the Poppies placed up on the lamp posts in the area as I travelled in to school on Monday morning. Although celebrations are a little different this year, Friends of East Boldon Parks shared this information:



The traditional marches will not be taking place this year, but the Royal British Legion are encouraging people across the nations to ensure Remembrance Sunday is still marked appropriately by taking part in remote and socially distanced Remembrance activity, whether that be watching the service on television or pausing for the Two Minute Silence in their home or on their doorsteps.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We remembered them.

We normally have a beautiful display in school. However, this year we are still completing a beautiful display but will give all of our parents/carers and visitors the chance to see our lovely poppies as you come in to school. We will be conducting a 1 minute silence in school with the children as a mark of respect and will explain this in simple, age appropriate terms with our children.

Let's Celebrate!

We have been shared a lovely idea from staff and parents that we would like to bring to East Boldon Infants. As a result of the current restrictions, children are missing out on celebrating their birthday with families and friends as they usually would. We understand how much our children have had to adapt to new rules, both in school and at home and their emotional wellbeing is something that is very important to us. Therefore, on the final Friday of each month we will celebrate all of the children's birthdays from that month with their class friends. I have arranged with Janet, our cook from the Juniors to make a little cake for each child which can be shared as part of the celebrations, so all costs will be covered in school. If your child has already had their birthday during September and October, they will be included in the first celebration with the November birthdays. We look forward to giving every child the opportunity to celebrate their birthday!



Thank you for your continued support.

Odd Socks day Monday 16th November

On Monday 16th November, we are asking all children to come in to school wearing odd socks. This is a great way of each of us celebrating what makes us all different and unique! The jazzier, the better!



A very special memorial, for a very special man
You may have already seen the memorial plaque that has been placed outside of school near the pedestrian crossing where Alan will be so fondly remembered. This is such a lovely tribute to a very special man who will always be remembered by the whole school community. An unveiling ceremony was planned, but sadly due to the current restrictions is unable to take place. However, it is lovely to see it in position at last along with the picnic benches in the park.

