

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter



October 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well the start of the year has been very eventful as we make new plans for developments and improvements in school. Yard developments have finally begun and it is making a great improvement to our space for the children. This is the start of future developments. We have plans for the EYFS garden area to be updated and Mrs Eggerton and Mrs Verity are working closely together to make the best use of this space for our children. We are looking into the removal of the soft pore area that has four colours and making this more of a play area with markings directly onto the yard surface, rather than soft pore that deteriorates in time. This area is also walked over and driven over when work is carried out in school, all of which affects it's life span, so we are looking into longer term options. We will keep you posted...but it is very exciting!

In school...staff have been busy carrying out assessments in the first few weeks, but are now well into the swing of teaching and the learning taking place has been great! We are working on developing our themes and topics to really interest and challenge the children as much as possible. Presentation of work is a real key for us this year—we want children to take pride over their work in books. Our Proud Presentation book sits happily in our front reception area and additions are placed in weekly so I urge any parents who find themselves sitting in our reception area to have a spy at the fantastic work our children are producing!

Thank you for your attendance to the Parent Workshops. We hope you have found these useful and that they have given you an insight into expectations for each year group. We always value any support you give your child at home. We welcome parent views about homework as this is something we do value.

The school council has been set up from Key Stage 1 and as Reception settle, we will choose our members from Early Years to join in too. I will be working closely with Mrs Munslow to work with our school council to take their views and perspectives. Thank you to one member who contributed a sweet treat to the meeting....I can't wait until I attend the next meeting! Already they have contributed some great ideas and worked with me in an assembly too!

We have agreed our parents evening dates with staff. These will take place in classrooms on the dates shown. A more detailed letter will be sent out soon, letting parents know they can sign up for a time with your child's class teacher. This year, in response to parent views on the last questionnaire, parents will receive a short target sheet with specific targets for your child to work towards across the term. This will hopefully support parents with where their children are at in their learning and is something that can be supported with at home too.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Many Thanks,

Miss Holt

Uniform Orders

If you wish to place an order for uniforms, please collect an order form from the Main Entrance from Monday 8th October. All orders must be in to school by **Friday 12th October** in order to be processed.

All cheques to be made payable to East Boldon Infant School

A few Diary Dates coming up...

- Monday 8th October—Y2 Visit from the Centre for Life and Planetarium
- Monday 15th October—Harvest Festival 2.15pm at St George's Church—we'd love to see you there.
- Friday 19th October—Break up for half term
- Monday 29th October—**INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 30th October—Flu Nasal Spray for all children in school with Flu Nurse Team (further details to follow)
- Wednesday 31st October—Y2 to Multisports Festival at Boldon School (pm). Please ensure PE Kits are in school.
- Thursday 1st November—A spooky day for the PTA—letter to follow
- Friday 2nd November—Tempest Photography in school—Individual and Sibling Photographs
- W/B Monday 5th/12th November Parents' Evenings in school—see newsletter for dates

Miss Holt loves a quote!

"The only way to make sense of change is to plunge into it, move with it and join in the dance!"
Alan W. Watts



Year 2 Parents—a little reminder

All Year 2 parents should have received some information about applications to be made for your child to attend our Junior School in September 2019. The deadline for applications is Tuesday 15th January. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs O'Brien in our school office or contact the Admissions Team at the Local Authority.

School Nurse
If parents have any concerns and they would like advice from the school nurse, she is more than happy for you to contact her.
Ruth Marsh
0191 283 2965

Wonderful Baby News!

I am thrilled to announce that Mrs Davies has had a beautiful baby girl named Isla Kate! She arrived on September 11th a little over her due date weighing a very healthy 10lb! Both mother and baby are doing well and she popped in last week to see us all!

Safeguarding Note:

Please note that parents/carers are not permitted to enter school unless permission is given from a member of staff. In the first instance, please always contact the school office who will always be happy to help with any queries/questions

Building Learning Power

Last year I began to speak with the children about Building their Learning Power. I am keen to keep this developing across school and embedding it further. Over the last few weeks I have been talking with the KS1 children in assembly about 4 aspects of their learning within school—Resilience, Responsibility, Resourcefulness and Reflectiveness. Each week we have discussed what this means for them and how this can help them to be the best learner they can in school and Build their Learning Power! Accompanying displays have gone into each KS1 classroom for the children to refer to. The children have responded really well to this and have enjoyed telling me about how they have been Power Learners in their classes. My Headteacher awards each Friday will reward a child from each class who has demonstrated these powers in their learning!



Keep up this fantastic learning everyone! Let's make our learning AMAZING!

Highlights....

Our Golden Table is back up and running each Friday rewarding children for their good behaviour and manners across a lunchtime. A child from each class is selected to join myself or another staff member to have their lunch together! We love this experience and so do the children!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday. We raised an amazing £145.20! Staff baked (and bought) some delicious treats and it was nice to share the morning with everyone for such a worthy cause.



Mrs Munslow has begun her work with the NCETM Maths Hub looking at ways to further develop mastery in school. We have a visit into school from one of the tutors to work with Mrs Munslow in the coming weeks.

Parents Evenings

Class 1 2.30-5.30 Tues 6th Nov, Tues 13th Nov

Class 2 2.30-5.30 Wed 7th Nov, Thurs 8th Nov

Class 3 2.30-5.30 Wed 7th Nov, Thurs 15th Nov

Class 4 2.30-5.30 Tues 6th Nov, Tues 13th Nov

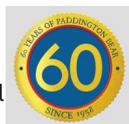
Class 5 - To be arranged for w/b 19th Nov—A letter will follow for all Class 5 parents.

Class 6 2.30-5.30 Thurs 8th Nov, Thurs 15th Nov

Further details about signing up for a time slot will be sent out to parents soon.

Paddington Bear is 60!

On Week Beginning 15th October we will be celebrating 60 years of Paddington Bear in School. Mrs Verity has planned lots of activities in school across this week to mark the occasion. Watch this space!



Parent Teacher Association

A HUGE thank you to the PTA association for their fantastic contributions and work across last year. They have raised a whopping £6,600. for our school alone! This money will be used in the first instance to replace home readers in school. Mrs Verity is already working with some book companies and we hope to have these replaced very soon! We also loved the idea our Junior School had last year when all children attended a pantomime, so we have also scheduled a pantomime to come to us in January 2019 using the PTA money too!

