

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well the start of the year is well under way and we are all getting settled into the routines of teaching and learning. Our curriculum maps and Challenge Curriculum overviews are on our website, so please take a look at our themes of learning for this term. Our upcoming Parents' Workshops will also give parents an overview of the curriculum and how teachers approach the teaching in each year group. Please pop along to these if you can as it will give you a useful insight and ways to support your child at home.

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. 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 after half term. 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. Once again, this year you will receive a short target sheet which will hopefully support parents with where their children are at in their learning and is something that can be supported with at home too.

Our Kindness mission is continuing as we aim to succeed as a Kindness School this year! We have formed a kindness group on a Wednesday lunchtime and we are now thinking of ways of spreading the kindness across our local community...watch this space!

Visits to the Library have begun and already Class 4 has visited. This is another community link which we feel really positive about! Reading is so important and having access to a library in our local village is very special.

Our upcoming Harvest Assembly will take place on Wednesday 16th October at 2.15pm. Donations can be brought into school on the morning. Could I please remind all parents to ensure clear pathways for all of our children as they walk to and from the church. Safeguarding is paramount and staff need to have a full view of all of the children. Please remain seated or well back during this short time. Any photographs taken should be of your own child and should not be placed on social media for the safeguarding of all children in school. Many thanks.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.
Many Thanks,
Miss Holt

uniform Orders update

As of the start of the year we have changed over our uniform supplier to Initial Images. This means that we will not be ordering uniforms through the school, I would kindly ask parents to purchase their items through the shop or online. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak with the Office staff.

A few Diary Dates coming up...

- Wednesday 16th October—Harvest Festival 2.15pm at St George's Church—we'd love to see you there.
- Monday 21st October—Flu Nasal Spray for all children in school with Flu Nurse Team
- Tuesday 22nd October—Y2 to Multisports Festival at Boldon School (pm). Please ensure PE Kits are in school.
- Friday 25th October— Break up for half term
- Monday 4th November—**INSET DAY**
- Friday 8th November—Tempest Photography in school—Individual and Sibling Photographs
- W/B Monday 5th/11th/18th 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 2020. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 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

Books train your brain to think BIG!

Reading and fostering a love of reading at this young age is so important! Within school a high importance is placed on reading, within classes as well as reading for pleasure. Can I please ask parents to read (just a little, not necessarily a lot!) each night with your child. Listening to them read aloud to you, and regularly will have a massive impact on their fluency skills. Practise reading words 'on sight' so they have that rapid recall of words and remember 'if in doubt, sound it out' for words that can be decodable. Make a note of any reading within the home readers—even if you've read a different book! It is so important so we know how they've read at home too—education is a partnership and working together is key!

Building Learning Power! The Power of Yet!

As a staff we have been embedding Power Learning within our classes and over the past 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. We also looked at the Power of Yet...recognising that if you may not be able to do things YET! 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 £100.10! Staff baked (and bought) some delicious treats and it was nice to share the morning with everyone for such a worthy cause.

Library visits are under way and each class will be given the opportunity to visit across this half term.



Parents Evenings

- Class 1 2.30-5.30 Wed 6th Nov, Wed 13th Nov
- Class 2 2.30-5.30 Wed 20th Nov, Thurs 21st Nov
- Class 3 2.30-5.30 Thurs 7th Nov, Wed 13th Nov
- Class 4 2.30-5.30 Tues 5th Nov, Thurs 14th Nov
- Class 5 2.30-5.30 Thurs 7th Nov, Tues 19th Nov
- Class 6 2.30-5.30 Tues 5th Nov, Tues 12th Nov

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

Parent Teacher Association

A HUGE thank you to the PTA association for their fantastic contributions and work across last year. They have raised a lot of money for our school alone! We will be using this money to develop our Sensory Garden in school which Mr Orr will be helping us create!

