

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we are now settling into our very different routines in school, but the children (and staff!) are coping remarkably in these strange, uncertain times again. Sadly we have had to send home another year group, due to Public Health guidelines, but I am so pleased with how our families have coped with the adjustment into home learning and the support that is being given from staff to families to ensure learning opportunities are continued. We know that cases across this region are high and the health and safety of all of our community is a high priority and we would like to thank all parents for their support at this time.

Topic Webs and the Learning Challenge curriculum are all on our websites for parents to view. As explained in my previous letter to you all, we have a Recovery Curriculum that we are working within, but are ensuring that we continue with the learning challenges from each year group. Where elements may have been missed we will catch these up through similar topics within your child's current year group and will consolidate any learning needed, ensuring any gaps are worked upon and plugged. The staff are all working incredibly hard in school to ensure all of your children are safe, happy and learning to the best of their ability and I feel very proud of the whole staff team and how we have all responded to the children returning back to school.

Parent Workshops obviously can't take place in the same way we have seen. We are very keen however, to keep you up to date with learning and methods from across your child's year group. Staff have prepared short presentations that will be sent out to you all via Evidence Me before half term and will also be added to the school website. This will hopefully give you an overview of the learning specifically for this term and how you can best support your child at this time. We have also prepared a Phonics Support presentation for our Year 2 parents as I have already mentioned, the DFE are expecting all children to take the screening this year. Further information will be sent directly to Year 2 parents about this.

We are planning how our Parents' Evenings will look in these new circumstances we are in. We will finalise dates over the coming weeks and how this will work. Again, thank you for your patience, we are all working in different ways at the moment, but as always your partnership in your child's learning is valuable to us all. Teachers will provide a short target slip to you all with information about your child's next steps in learning and this will mirror the work and targets we are completing with your child in school. We will keep in touch with you all about this.

I have been in contact with Jo from The Key Project in South Shields. This is a charity who support young children and their families in need of some support. Although we can not work Harvest in the usual way this year with a lovely service at St George's Church, we will still be talking with the children about Harvest and it's meaning through my year group assemblies. Jo explained that the donations are still vital to their project so we are very keen to provide for this charity in a safe method. I have included more details further on in the newsletter and I hope you can support this project, particularly at this time of need for many families.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Many Thanks,
Miss Holt

A few Diary Dates coming up...

- Friday 16th October—All donations to be brought into school and left in our shelter.
- Monday 19th October—Flu Nasal Spray for all children in school with Flu Nurse Team
- Friday 23rd October— Break up for half term
- Monday 2nd November—**INSET DAY— School reopens on Tuesday 3rd November**
- Friday 6th November—Tempest Photography in school—Individual and Siblings (in school only) Photographs (adhering to our school risk assessment)

Miss Holt loves a quote!

“Out of a mountain of despair, a stone of hope!”
Martin Luther King Junior



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 2021. The deadline for applications is Friday 15th January 2021. 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.

Safety Reminders at this time...

Thank you once again to you all for helping us maintain our systems for the staggered entry and exits in and out of school. We are in a very unique position due to the nature of our school, so I just wanted to gently remind parents of our systems to help everyone keep as safe as possible at this time.

Please arrive at the allotted time for your child. This will help alleviate any unnecessary queuing outside of school as much as possible.

When queuing down the side of school please maintain a safe distance between each other.

To join the queue, please use the other side of the road to walk down and then join from the bottom upwards towards the gate.

Please refrain from waiting just outside of the gate to allow parents to enter the yard safely.

Please ensure only one parent enters the yard to collect your child/children and please maintain a safe distance from each other in the yard space.

Once you have collected your child, please exit promptly—this allows for us to allow another year group's parents/carers to enter the yard.



Thank you so much. The safety of our children, staff and whole school community is a priority at this time.

Harvest Festival 2020



Although not the usual way we would celebrate...we hope you can help us to support the Key Project in South Shields. On **Friday 16th October**, when you bring your child to school at the designated time, our shelter will become a safe drop off for any Harvest produce you wish to donate. Non perishable items are preferable such as pasta, rice, tins, UHT milk, tea, coffee, sugar, flour which will all support food parcels that can support our local community. Please ensure items are brought in in a carrier bag (if there are a few items.) Jo and her team will arrive at around 9.30am with appropriate PPE and social distancing measures to take the items away.

We hope you can support this wonderful project, this Harvest and no matter how little or plenty you can provide, everything will be much appreciated.

Parent Teacher Association

The grand total for our 5p Challenge was amazingly £670.! It seems so long ago that we were collecting those 5ps, but thank you as always for your support. We know our PTA are going to have to work in a very different way this year to support our schools. I really hope all parents will support any initiatives they organise as all of the funds raised directly support us in school.. THANK YOU!

