

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the new term and I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer break! It was lovely to see all of the children happily enter school with huge smiles and looking very smart in their new uniforms and shiny shoes on Tuesday!

I would like to welcome Mrs Verity, our new Reception teacher in school who is also our Curriculum and English Lead for school. I know Reception parents/carers will quickly get to know Mrs Verity, but I'm sure all parents/carers will become familiar with her through her role in school and make her feel very welcome!

Miss Rutherford will continue as Class 1's class teacher, covering Mrs Davies maternity leave from school. On that note we are still waiting for the new arrival, but we will let parents know as soon as we hear anything!

Although it has only been the first week into the term all of the children have settled wonderfully unto their new routines of their new year groups.

Year 2 children's attitude and behaviour in class and around school has been wonderful and they are certainly setting the example to our younger children in school and showing their support to them—Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Munslow have been super impressed! Keep this up Year 2!

Year 1 children have managed the change into their Year 1 classrooms brilliantly and are enjoying their new challenges and working hard.

Reception children have really shown us just how ready they are for learning and have happily been discovering their new environments over this transition week!

During the summer break, our second phase of replacing floors in school continued with the replacement of Classes 1, 2 and 5's floors. As you can imagine, this was a huge task and there was a lot of preparation before and after needed to ensure it was complete. It went well and on schedule and looks wonderful—really making a difference to our environment which is so important. I would like to thank Mr Orr our caretaker, Ms Allan our cleaner and of course all of the staff who have worked incredibly hard and remained patient as this work took place. The plan is that the remaining classes will be completed next summer.

Work will (hopefully) soon begin on our transformation of the equipment in the school yard and replacement of some of the soft pour. This will take place during term time, but fences placed around the area whilst the workmen are completing their work. I know our children will be super sensible as this work takes place and will be excited about the end result!

Hopefully After School Clubs will be just as popular this term. We will issue information about all of the clubs and gauge interest, before allocating places very soon. Music tuition letters will also follow next week for all of our Year 1 and 2 children taking part in the music programme with Helen and Ele. I would like to thank parents for their patience and understanding as we set up the new routines for the children at the beginning of the school year. This does take a little time and all staff are working hard to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible.

Thank you for all of the extreme reading pictures! We value reading and reading for pleasure and it's lovely to see how the children enjoy reading at home too. There is still time for our Key Stage 1 children to bring in their pictures if they have forgotten!

Here's to a wonderful new school year!

Many Thanks,

A few Diary Dates coming up...

- w/b 17.9.18—All clubs begin in school
- Friday 28.9.18 9.15-10.15am Macmillan Coffee Morning in school
- w/b 1.10.18 Parent Workshops in school for each year group 5-6pm (details to follow soon)
- Monday 15.10.17 (provisional) Harvest Festival Assembly at St. George's Church pm details to follow.

Miss Holt loves a quote!

"If you never did you should, these things are fun and fun is good!"
Dr Suess



Just a few reminders...

Safeguarding

If your child is going home with another adult, please ensure a note is passed into school with your child or a message is passed on the morning to the member of staff meeting and greeting. Your child will not be allowed to go unless we have had a formal message.

Safeguarding of all our children is paramount and staff need to be fully informed of any changes to collections. Please ensure the adult collecting is clearly visible to the child and their class teacher.

Dogs on school premises

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted into the school grounds for Health and Safety reasons.

Biking and Scooting in the school yard

Please ensure bikes and scooters are dismounted on entry into the school yard and secured in our designated racks

Pupil Information Sheets

It is really important that our records of phone numbers are accurate and in place. It is helpful to have several accurate numbers, just in case we cannot contact the first number immediately. This is incredibly important if we need to contact you in an emergency. If any numbers do change, please contact the school office.

Many Thanks.

School Website and Twitter—Keeping up-to-date!

Whilst we endeavour to ensure parents/carers are fully up to date with events and happenings in school through letters and communications through parentmail and my newsletter, I ask parents to also keep dipping into our website and to follow us on Twitter to keep further up to date. Mrs O'Brien updates our calendar weekly on the website and staff add pictures of learning and events in school. Twitter has been work in progress across the year and is something we aim to build upon this year further. We are also hoping to trial a new APP for parents, which will enable parents to keep up-to-date with school events at your fingertips! Watch this space—we will keep you posted on developments.

Highlights....

As discussed in my opening account, our class flooring has now been replaced and looks fantastic! The next phase of replacements will hopefully take place next summer.

We have been accepted to work with the North East Maths Mastery Hub working party for this academic year. This will involve Mrs Munslow and Mrs Eggerton attending training, but also the lovely opportunity to work with partnership schools and a lead teacher. All of this will contribute towards our commitment to mastery of maths teaching in school and we are very excited to look at further innovative ways to improve on the work we already complete in school. We will keep parents up to date with any developments or new ideas we magpie!

We are working closely with SAFC this term to deliver basic fundamental movement skills to our children in Reception. They will work with all of our children on a Wednesday lunchtime in the school yard.

Cheryl our dance teacher will work with the children for another two lunchtimes. This continues our motivation to ensure our children are as physically active as possible whilst outside.

Autumn Term Parents

Workshops 2018

Reception— Tuesday 2nd October 5-6pm

Year 1— Wednesday 3rd October 5-6pm

Year 2— Thursday 4th October 5-6pm

We have slightly changed the set up of our Parent Workshops this term, having only one slot now at 5pm –6pm.

All sessions will take place in year groups and will last approximately 1 hour, further details sent out soon with a full description of the sessions. These will be incredibly useful giving parents an indication of how we conduct our teaching and expectations for the year group as well as how you can best support your child at home.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th September we will be holding a coffee morning in school for Macmillan Cancer Research from 9.15-10.15am. Cakes will also be on sale (some bakes from staff too!!) All are welcome, however our hall space is quite small, so we are hoping for a fine day, so parents can enjoy a cuppa in the sun (We're hopeful!) Hope to see you there!

