

# East Boldon Infant School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the new school year! I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday, filled with many happy memories! It was lovely to see all of the children happily coming into school on Tuesday, with smart uniforms, shiny shoes and big smiles!

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

Our Year 2 children have been setting the example and their behaviour and attitude to learning has been wonderful. Year 1 children have managed the change into their new Year 1 classrooms brilliantly and are enjoying their new challenges and working hard.

Reception children have shown us just how ready they are for learning and are happily discovering their new environments over these transition weeks and have settled well.

During the summer break, the final phase of replacing floors in school continued with the replacement of Classes 3, 4 and 5's floors. As you can imagine, this was once again 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 who spent much of his time working with contractors and organising the movement, Mrs Smith our cleaner and of course all of the staff who have worked incredibly hard and remained patient as this work took place. As you can imagine, there was more rubbish than normal to dispose of following this work so we have arranged for a skip...however it takes a while to actually arrive, so I would like to thank parents for their understanding of the rubbish being held in the yard until this time. The children have remained very sensible during playtimes and lunchtimes.

The Local Authority Highways Team have also made changes to parking restrictions outside of school and will be making a presence around school as these changes are embedded. The pathway outside of school has been widened which has made a big difference for the safety of our children and parents. As always, can I remind parents to be safe and thoughtful in their parking and if at all possible, walking to school would ultimately help the volume of cars around school immensely. As I know you will agree, the safety of everyone is paramount.

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.

An aim for us as a school this year is to become a 'Kindness School'. As all parents are aware, kindness and respect is placed highly in our values and ethos of our school (see Miss Holt loves a quote) Random acts of kindness will be noted and thanked and rewarded. We will also be making the children aware of our kindness to our community through our work with Bryony Park Care Home.. Mrs Verity is looking into an accreditation for us so we will keep parents updated when we know more about it's developments.

Here's to a wonderful new school year!

Many Thanks,  
Miss Holt

### *A few Diary Dates coming up...*

- w/b 16.9.19—All clubs begin in school (letter to follow)
- w/b 7.10.19 Parent Workshops in school for each year group 5-6pm (details to follow soon)
- Friday 27.9.19— 9.15-10.15am Macmillan Coffee Morning in school
- *Provisional* -Wednesday 16.10.19 Harvest Festival Assembly at St. George's Church 2.15pm details to follow.

## Miss Holt loves a quote!

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no explanation or reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone may do the same for you”  
Princess Diana



## 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. We appreciate your patience and support at this time of year when staff are becoming familiar with new families.

### 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. It is also important that any address changes are notified to us so that all our records are up to date. Many Thanks.

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

Another aim for this academic year is to become as cashless and paperless as possible. Whilst we know there will be occasions where cash needs to come into school, or letters do need to come home with your child—our aim is to become more environmentally aware as well as working with yourselves to make payments easier. I would encourage parents to sign up to our Twitter page which gives parents updates about events and activities happening in school. I would also encourage parents to dip into our website too. Although this is a window into our school, often for visitors, there are elements that are really useful for our parents/carers in school presently. Mrs O'Brien updates the calendar on a regular basis, so you can see at a glance any upcoming activities—letters about any events are also attached so that you can click and read letters to remind you about any details. We also update the Year groups and School Pages with ongoing activities and events in school.

## Friends of East Boldon Parks Scarecrow Festival

**Saturday 14th September**



Come along from 12pm—5pm for fun activities, music and events! Miss Holt is even judging the scarecrows this year! I may see you there!

## Highlights....

All classroom flooring has now been replaced. This has created fantastic environments for the children. It has allowed staff to rearrange classrooms and goodness the transformations have been wonderful. Parent Workshops will give parents the chance to see some of the new environments in school

We are working closely again with SAFC this term to deliver basic fundamental movement skills to our children in Reception. They will also work with all of our children on a Thursday 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

## Autumn Term Parents Workshops 2019

**Reception— Monday 7.10.19**

**Year 1— Wednesday 9.10.19**

**Year 2— Tuesday 8.10.19**

This first Parents Workshop will allow parents to find out about the expectations for your child's year group for across the year and how we conduct our teaching. This will be incredibly useful and will offer parents ways to support your child at home too.

All workshops will take place between **5pm-6pm** and will be in the school hall or classrooms. We look forward to welcoming you.

## Year Group Fund Pot

Each year group holds a fund pot. We welcome voluntary donations from parents into their child's year group fund pot. Although no distinct value is asked for, pennies or pounds are much appreciated. This pot is used for small consumables in each year group—specific crafting, baking, food tasting etc. Please send any donations into school in a labelled envelope. We really do appreciate any amount sent into school.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 27th 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 not the biggest....so if it's a fine day, parents can enjoy a cuppa in the sun (We're hopeful!) Hope to see you there!

