



# **East Boldon Junior School**

## **Newsletter 2 – November 2016**

### **Dear Parents / Carers**

Welcome to our second autumn term newsletter. As preparations for our Christmas celebrations have begun, a reminder of the events and dates is included in this newsletter. Dates can also be found on our website.

This term we have been involved in two major projects made possible by external funding.



The School Garden Project is well underway thanks to the funding received from AkzoNobel. After a huge tidy-up operation we are now in the process of buying a greenhouse, seating, picnic tables, raised beds and a fire pit. This will make great use of our outdoor space and further enhance the children's learning experience. Many thanks to Mrs Carr and Mrs McCann for leading the project, and to all of the families, children, staff and Akzo Nobel employees who gave up their time to help us.

The children in year 6 are working with Claire Ford from We EngAge to develop their digital literacy skills and to share these with people in the community. Over the next few weeks they will work with residents from The Grange to make e-books based on their knowledge and learning about WW2.

This project has been funded by The Cultural Spring.

Thank you for your generous contributions towards the harvest appeal. We collected a huge amount of tins and foodstuffs for the New Hope Church which supports people in need. The Poppy Appeal has been very successful and 69 boxes were collected for Operation Christmas Child. Children also donated a large bag of sweets for the Operation Christmas Child 'sweet mountain.'

### **PTA**

We are very grateful to East Boldon Schools PTA for their continued support and fundraising. Due to their efforts we have received £10,000 over the last two years which we have used to update our computers, buy new laptops for the children and provide cameras and CD players for all classrooms. The junior disco was enjoyed by all – thank you to all the helpers - and we are in the process of collecting orders for Christmas cards and delicious Christmas Puddings.

The Annual Christmas Fair will be held in the Infant School on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Please come along and lend your support. A 'onesie' day to support this event is to be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. More information will follow.

## **Sporting Heroes**

We continue to take part in lots of festivals and tournaments. At these events the children show great enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship. We are very proud of them

- Girls from years 5 and 6 are taking part in a football tournament.
- Year 4 enjoyed a football tournament at Boldon School.
- Year 5 have had basketball coaching from Newcastle Eagles and are looking forward to the competition. Good luck everyone! They have also taken part in a rugby competition at Boldon School.
- Year 6 took part in a dodgeball tournament at Boldon School.



## **Flu Vaccinations**

The school nurses will be in school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November to administer flu vaccinations.

## **Packed Lunches**

We encourage healthy packed lunches. As several children in the school suffer from nut allergies, we politely ask that parents avoid putting foodstuffs containing nuts into packed lunches. Thank you.

## **Morning Snacks**

Children are allowed to bring a healthy morning snack, for example, a piece of fruit, a packet of raisins or a cereal bar.

## **Christmas**

**This year the children from years 3 will perform 'The Day That Baby Jesus Came to Town,' for their parents and families.**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm Christmas Show Performance 1

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 6:00pm Christmas Show Performance 2

## **Carol Singing**

The Singing Club will present a concert of festive songs and carols at school on Wednesday 9th December at 1:30pm. Tickets will be available for parents of children in the Singing Club.

## **Christmas Service in St George's Church.**

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm

**The service will be led by our Year 6 pupils.** After the service the children will return to school to be dismissed at approximately 2.30pm, when they must be collected by an adult.

## **Parties**

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm-3.30pm Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 4.30pm-6.30pm Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party

(Children are invited to bring their own tea on a paper plate. School will provide drinks.)

**Christmas Jumper Day** will be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Holidays**

We break up for Christmas at 2.30pm, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec after our Christmas Service.

Back to school – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

Half-term 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017

In Service days - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. School closed to children.

### **Gentle Reminder**

As winter approaches children will be wearing boots for school. As these can be heavy and uncomfortable in very warm classrooms, we ask that children bring their black school shoes to change into while indoors. A copy of the school uniform requirements is available in the school prospectus which can be found on the school website.

### **KS2 SAT Week**

8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Our newsletters contain lots of information and we urge you to read them and keep them safe.

Please continue to use our school website [www.eastboldonjuniors.co.uk](http://www.eastboldonjuniors.co.uk) where you can find further information about the school.

If there should be any additions or amendments to our programme of events this term, we will keep you informed via Parent mail and the website.

Best wishes for the festive season,

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*Head Teacher*