



East Boldon Junior School

Newsletter 3 – January 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back after the Christmas & New Year break.

Once again we have a term of exciting events planned and look forward to inviting parents to join us on some occasions. We aim to keep you up-to-date with information through newsletters, ParentMail and our website.



Last term year 5 learnt to compose their own music using the ipad and became an ipad orchestra. The children had great fun learning about the structure of music and how to work as an ensemble. Well done to *Major Pentatonic* whose music was voted the best by the school.

Good luck to the teams from year 5 and year 3 who will be taking part in Basketball, Benchball and Boccia competitions this term. Here are our Basketball finalists in their new school strip.



Well done to Joseph Lynch from year 5. Due to his enthusiasm for reading, Joseph was asked by Waterstones to review the latest novel by Ross Welford, 'Time Travelling with a Hamster.' His review has been used on the in-store promotional stands in the Newcastle and Hexham stores and in the Newcastle shop's window display.

Please let us know when your children have done something special outside of school. We love celebrating their achievements!

Events coming up this term:

Class Assemblies

Adults only please.

Thursday 4th February
Thursday 3rd March
Thursday 17th March
Thursday 21st April

Class 6 assembly (Year 4 Mrs Grant) - 10.15-10.30am
Class 7 assembly (Year 4 Miss Griffiths) - 10.15-10.30am
Class 8 assembly (Year 3 Mrs McCann) - 10.15-10.30am
Class 9 assembly (Year 3 Miss Robson) - 10.15-10.30am

Diary

Tuesday 19 th January	Y3 visit to East Boldon Methodist Church
Thursday 21 st January	NSPCC workshops, year 5 and 6
Monday 1 st February	Y4 visit to Bedesworld
Tuesday 2 nd February	Y5 visit to the Winter Gardens Museum
22 nd to 26 th February	STEM Curriculum Week. Parents will be invited in to see the children at work on Wednesday afternoon
Monday 29 th February	Y4 Anglo-Saxon day
Friday 4 th March	World Book Day. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.
Friday 18 th March	Hoopstarz Day – Whole School
Monday 21 st March	Easter Egg display in the school hall 3:30 – 4:00pm
Tuesday 22 nd March	Easter Egg display in the school hall, 8:30 – 9:00am
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter Service led by Y5 pupils. 2pm in St George's Church

Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February – Parent meetings 1:30pm -6pm. Appointment details to follow.

Sporting Events

27 th January	Y3 Benchball Festival, Boldon School
5 th February	Y5 Basketball Competition, Sports Central
3 rd March	Y4 Quicksticks Hockey Tournament
8 th March	Y3 Boccia Festival, St Joseph's RC Academy
14 th April	Y5 Cheerleading Festival, Temple Park Centre

PTA events

Thursday 11 th February	PTA Junior Disco
Friday 12 th February	Non-uniform day to provide gift and tombola donations for the Mother's Day Coffee morning.
Saturday 5 th March	PTA Mothers Day Coffee Morning 10am -12noon

Holidays

Half term	15 th – 19 th Feb 2016 inc.
Easter break	Thurs 24 th March – Fri 8 th April 2016 inc.
May Bank holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2016
Half-term	30 th May – 3 rd June 2016 inc.
Summer holiday	Break up Wednesday 20 th July 2016
In-Service day	Friday 29 th April 2016

Holiday Requests during term time

Please remember that holidays will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and no holidays will be authorised during KS2 SAT week for any pupil when QCA Tests & SATS are administered. We **strongly** discourage parents from taking any holidays during term-time for Year 6 pupils.

KS2 SAT Week –

9th -12th May 2016 (no holidays will be granted during this time for any pupil)

Thank you to all of our parents and friends for their continued support. We look forward to seeing you in school again this term.

Best regards,

Mrs E. Johnson (Headteacher)