

East Boldon Junior School

Newsletter 4 – March 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

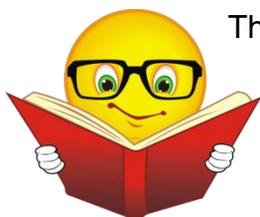
The end of term will soon arrive and with it comes my retirement from East Boldon Junior School. Although I am excited for what lies ahead, I know I will miss teaching very much and would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the wonderful children and their families I have worked with over the last 18 years. I wish you all every success in the future.

Congratulations to Mr Tim Shenton on his appointment as Head Teacher. I know everyone will make him very welcome.



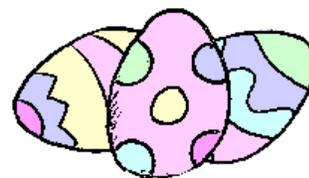
The PTA Spring Fayre was a fantastic success. Always a popular event, it was even better this year due to the efforts of the committee and the support of the East Boldon community. An unbelievable £4100 was raised which will be used to enhance the education of the children in our schools. Well done everyone!

Thank you and well done to Fern, Isla, Grace and Sam for their efforts in baking enough cakes to feed the whole school and raise £245 for Comic Relief.



Thank you to all who supported the Book Fair. Due to the huge number of books bought, £1000 was raised to be spent on new books for the school.

Our Easter Egg Competition will take place next week. The theme this year is '**Books**' so there is lots of scope for creativity. The eggs will be on display in the school hall on Tuesday 4th April from 3:30pm until 4:30pm and on Wednesday 5th April from 8:30am until 9am.



Parents and grandparents will also have the opportunity to view the display of photographs celebrating the school's 50th birthday. Thank you to all who have contributed to this.

Following their success with the Christmas Market, year 6 are making Easter gifts which will be on sale on Wednesday 5th April from 8.30am and at break times.

To celebrate our birthday we will be having a day of fun activities for the children on Friday 7th April. Activities will include a bouncy castle, penalty shoot-out, puzzle room, arts and crafts and fun run. Children should come dressed in suitable sports wear and trainers. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

The Easter Service, led by the pupils from year 5, will take place in St George's Church on Thursday 6th April at 2pm. The children will return to school after the service to be collected by their parents. Any children not picked up after Church will remain in school until 3:30pm to be collected by parents or after-school providers in the usual way.

Dates for your diary:**Please note, there will be no after school clubs during the last week of term.****Clubs will begin again in the week beginning Monday 1st May. Letters to follow.**

Wednesday 29 th March	Y5 Rugby tournament at Temple Park Centre (10am–12pm)
Thursday 30 th March	Y5 visit to Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens Y4 Football at Castletown Academy Football tournament at EBJs, 4pm
Friday 31 st March	Class 8 assembly 10.15-10.30am Adults only please Class 2 visit to Nissan
Tuesday 4 th April	Reward Day Easter Egg and photograph display in the school hall 3:30 – 4:30pm
Wednesday 5 th April	Easter Egg and photograph display in the school hall 8:30 – 9:00am Y6 Easter Craft Sale
Thursday 6 th April	Easter Service led by Y5 pupils. 2.00pm in St George's Church
Friday 7 th April	50 th Birthday Fun Day Sporting Culture Festival (Dance Group)

Summer term:

Tuesday 2 nd May	Tempest Photographer in school
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May	SATs Week
Tuesday 16 th May	Y4 Hockey Tournament (rescheduled)
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th June	Y6 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood
Wednesday 28 th June	Sports Day 1pm
Thursday 29 th June	Y6 Maths and IT Fair at Whitburn
Thursday 6 th July	Y6 Music Concert
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th July	Y5 Residential to Gibside Stables
Tuesday 11 th July	Y6 Presentation and Performance
Friday 14 th July	Change-up day. Children will spend the afternoon in their new classes, Y6 will visit their new schools.

Holidays

Easter break	10 th April – 21 st April 2017 inc.
May Bank holiday	Monday 1 st May 2017
Half-term	29 th May – 2 nd June 2017 inc.
Summer holiday	Break up Friday 21 st July 2017

School re-opens Tuesday 5th September 2017

Child Safety reminders:

After School Provision and Clubs

To ensure the safety of the children please let us know if your child will not be attending their after-school club so this can be marked on the club register. If arrangements for collection by Helen Gibson Kids Club or The Happy Shack change, please inform school and the providers. Thank you.

Dogs. Gentle reminder that dogs should not be brought onto the school premises.

Video/photo on social media

Could parents please be aware that photographs or video taken at school events such as shows and assemblies should not be shared on social media if they contain images of children other than your own. Failure to abide by this may result in parents being asked not to take photos or video in school.

Parking

Please take care when parking cars to pick up or drop children off at school. The Police visit all schools regularly to check that children are safe when arriving at, or leaving, school.

*Thank you to all of our parents and friends for their continued support.
Best wishes to you all,*

Mrs E. Johnson (Headteacher)