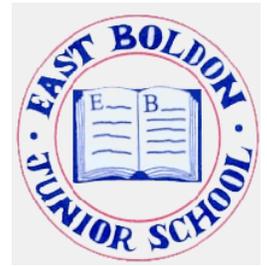


# East Boldon Junior School

## Newsletter 1 – September 2016



### Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to all of our parents and pupils, especially the children and parents who are new to the school. Our newsletters contain lots of information and we urge you to read them and keep them safe. Newsletters and lots more information about the school can be found on our school website [www.eastboldonjuniors.co.uk](http://www.eastboldonjuniors.co.uk). Every term we have a large amount of lost property left in corridors and around school. Please help us by ensuring that all articles of clothing, PE kit and outdoor wear are named.

The autumn term is a very busy time in school with lots of visits and activities planned, therefore we aim to give you plenty notice of forthcoming events. If new events are added, or changes have to be made to dates we will try to let you know as soon as possible. Dates can be found on the school website.

As always, extra-curricular clubs are proving to be very popular and in some cases are oversubscribed. We will try to include as many children as possible and may have to have a rota for the most popular clubs. As the nights get darker, please ensure that children are collected on time from the front entrance of the school.

I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded the highest national award for sport and physical activity, the **Gold School Games Mark** which recognises the high quality PE provision at East Boldon Junior School. Only 10% of primary schools share this accolade in South Tyneside so it is a great achievement. We would like to pass on our thanks to parents who support the school enormously in sport as well as our children who continue to excel.



## PTA

We would like to express our thanks to the PTA for their continued fundraising support for the school. We are currently in the process of buying new computers for the IT suite using funds raised by the PTA.



This will enable all children to learn about Computing and on-line safety, preparing them for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Please watch out for PTA events throughout the year. The first event this year is the PTA tombola at the Friends of East Boldon Parks Funday in Grange Park on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

If you would like to be involved in organising or supporting events, contact the PTA Committee – details on our website.

## Lunchtime

We strongly encourage healthier packed lunches. No sweets or fizzy drinks please. Children may bring a piece of fruit for playtime. Water bottles are encouraged but should be named and taken home daily.

To ensure pupil safety, we ask that children who are going home for lunch, wait to be collected by a responsible adult from the main school entrance.

Please note we do not allow pupils to mix school meals and packed lunches during the same week, unless it is for an educational visit.

## Class Assemblies

During the year, each class has the opportunity to perform and present an assembly to parents, grandparents or carers. This is usually a topic the class are studying or a current event/theme. Assemblies are presented in the school hall at 10:15am to 10:30 am. Adults only please. Assemblies this term:

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	– Class 1 (Year 6, Mrs Martin)	10.15am – 10.30am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	– Class 2 (Year 6, Mrs Grant)	10.15am – 10.30am
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	– Class 4 (Year 5, Mrs Burns)	10.15am – 10.30am
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	– Class 5 (Year 5, Mr Wilson)	10.15am – 10.30am

## School Garden Project

We are very grateful to Louise Carr who has applied to AkzoNobel for funding to help us with the development of the school garden. Louise has managed to get a team of volunteers from her work to come along to school on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am till 12.30pm to make a start on tidying up the area** and would appreciate any help children and their families can give. Please bring along any gardening equipment that you can, the school has a limited supply, so gloves, forks, spades, rakes, hoes, trowels, secateurs, bow saws etc, would all be useful. Refreshments will be provided.



### **Parent Meetings**

Following feedback from parents last year from our Autumn Term 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon, we have extended the time available for parents to have a short discussion with the class teacher. This will be by an appointment system and meetings will be held on:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 2:30pm to 6pm, Year 5 and 6 parents.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 2:30pm to 6pm, Year 3 and 4 parents.

Appointment times will be sent out soon.

For any concerns which may need a longer or more private appointment, please contact the class teacher.

### **Events:**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September School Council visit to Jarrow Town Hall

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September Y6 visit to Eden Camp

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September Y6 experience 'A Day in the Life of Boldon School'

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Football match at EBJS, 3:30pm. Further details about matches will come from Mr Wilson

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October Hoops for Health Roadshow, Y5 and 6

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October Y6 'Reducing Accidents at Play' event.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October Maths in Motion Day, Y6

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October Y4 Football Festival at Boldon School

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October Y5 Rugby Festival at Boldon School

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October PTA Junior Disco, 5pm - 6:30pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October Harvest festival charity support. Details to follow.

### **Holidays**

24<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> October, half term

Break up for Christmas 2.30pm, 16<sup>th</sup> December after our service in St George's Church (to be confirmed.)

School reopens Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### **Key Stage 2 SAT week**

8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 No leave of absence will be granted during this time.

### **Child Safety**

For safety reasons could I request that parents do not use the entrance to the school as a turning circle or to drop their children off. Please refrain from allowing children to swing or play on the railings or gates. Children may bring bikes to school but must wheel them down the footpath to the bike shed where they should be locked up securely. Dogs are not allowed to be brought onto the school premises and should be kept on a lead when dropping off or collecting children from school. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Collections**

When sending money / cheques into school, would parents please indicate on the envelope, child's name, event, class and if possible, enclose the correct amount please.

We hope that this year will be a happy and successful year for East Boldon Junior School. If you have any concerns or queries, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Best regards,

*Mrs E Johnson*

Head Teacher