



EAST BOLDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Changes

Last year, Mr Shenton asked parents what they want from our school. The results showed that parents desire bullying being tackled, better communication, improved homework and better information about progress.

To tackle these concerns the school has made positive strides. Here is an outline of the steps that we have taken:

1) Communication

The school has increased the regularity of newsletters and is delighted to announce the relaunch of its website. Our **new and improved website** (same address) launches next week. Take a look and let us know what you think. We hope you find the live calendar of 'Upcoming events' useful and enjoy the class pages.



Additionally, we introduced termly parent events for families to come into school to work alongside their children. We hope you have enjoyed them as much as the pupils have.

2) Bullying

The school staff and governors have developed its Behaviour and Discipline Policy. We have formalised the praise and Dojo points systems and pupils will receive rewards this term in line with the policy. The school has also taken steps to improve the effectiveness of the Reflection Room and the way it records incidents and actions.

3) Homework

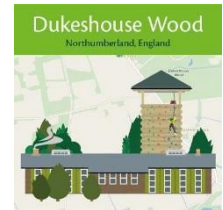
In September, we launched a new homework system. The feedback that we have received has been very encouraging!

4) Progress

We have had two parents' evenings so far this school year and the feedback has been mixed. Some parents have informed the school that the conversations about standards were clear and welcomed the changes. Others have let us know that they were unsure and asked for another meeting for clarification. To tackle this in the future, the school will provide a summary page for parents with achievements, targets and the latest assessment results.

Dukeshouse Wood

Y6 parents are invited to an informative session on 23rd of May (2:45pm – 3:15pm) about the upcoming residential. You will receive a brief presentation about the facilities, activities and a suggested packing list. If anyone is unable to attend, we will place the presentation and any documents on our website on the Year 6 page.



Coffee morning

Introducing the first East Boldon Junior School coffee morning for parents of children with SEND, additional needs or physical disabilities.



We are working with the Parent and Carer Forum within the local authority, 'Stronger Together'. Please come along to meet other parents, socialise and enjoy a coffee and cake in peace. You will be able to find out about the support available for parents and carers, what training is available for parents as well as what the authority offers within their Local Offer for SEND. Date and time: Friday 8th June 9.30 – 10.30 am Location: The Lodge

Please let the office know if you would like to attend for catering purposes.

"Advantage, Year 3"

Our Year 3 pupils are being taught Tag Rugby skills and are improving every week! They have learned the basic skills of passing, scoring tries and tagging opponents safely.



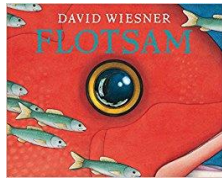
Swimming

Class 8 have completed their swimming and have made fantastic progress during their sessions at Boldon School. Year 3 pupils who need further swimming support and tuition will be offered the opportunity after all year groups have finished their sessions. Over to Year 4 next, Class 7 start on Tuesday.



Y5 Investigators

The pupils have studied the book 'Flotsam' this week. Among their activities, they have inferred information from groups of artefacts in class and pondered who the objects belonged to. They have used their imaginations to write a character description from this activity with great success.



Uniform

Please could we remind you that pupils should be wearing sensible black shoes for school and that trainers are only to be worn for sporting activities. If trainers are required to be worn for medical reasons then these should be black or dark coloured.

PTA Meeting

All are welcome to attend the termly meeting of the schools' PTA.

Venue: Upstairs function room of the Grey Horse
Date and time: Tuesday 8th May at 6pm

Medicines in school

Medicines cannot be given to children by a member of staff unless they are prescribed by their G.P. or listed in their care plan. We would need a letter from parents stating the name of the child, their date of birth and the medication and dose required. Please note that we cannot give children over the counter Calpol, Nurofen or Piriton etc. If parents wish to come to school to administer unprescribed medicines, please let us know.



Let's Celebrate!

Writers of the week

Year 3 – George Boddy

Year 4 – Freddy Male and Gabriella Xhaferi

Year 5 – Jamie Billings and Jack Moffatt

Year 6 – George Cattanach, Jack Fuller
and Grace Kiernan

Stars of the week

Year 3 – Rosa Loughlin

Year 4 – James Otterson and Joe Taylor

Year 5 – Zara Gilhespy and Emma Wood

Year 6 – Rosie Devine, Sadie Kellett
and Nathan Slight

Positive Playtimes

The classes compete to be the best in the school. We reward the pupils on Fridays with playtime privileges for using good manners, lining up quickly and sensibly. This week's winners were **Year 6**. Well done!

Term dates for your diary (new dates in bold)

7 th May	Bank holiday
8th May	PTA meeting (6pm at Grey Horse)
9 th May	Y4 Bikeability (Class 6)
10 th May	Y4 Bikeability (Class 7)
11th May	Y3 Trip (Winter Gardens)
14 th May	Y6 SATs week begins
18 th May	Class/team photographs
22 nd May	Y6 Whitburn Academy visit
23rd May	Y5 Trip (Science)

HALF TERM 28th May – 1st June

4 th June	New half-term starts
8th June	Coffee morning (9:30-10:30)
11 th June	Y6 Residential begins
15th June	Y4 Trip (Coast)
19 th June	Sports Day (AM)
27 th June	Sports Day Back up date (AM)
28th June	Y5 Trip (Enterprise reward)
2 nd July	TT Rockstars' mystery reward
3rd July	Y6 Trip (Coastal experience)
5 th July	Y6 Nissan visit (Class 1)
6 th July	Y6 Nissan visit (Class 2)
9 th July	Y5 Residential begins
19 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2:30 & 6pm

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 23rd July – 3rd September

Tues 4th Sep New term starts

Child Safety Reminders:

Parking

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

