



# Easington Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015



## Dates for your diary – details to follow

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| w.b. 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct         | Bikeability Y5/6                                       |
| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct          | Y5/6 Collective Worship – parents invited 9.15 a.m.    |
| Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct        | Miss Wiseman's class visit                             |
| Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct        | Y1 parents meeting – phonics 5p.m.                     |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct         | 9.30 a.m. Whole school to St Mary's – families welcome |
| <b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> | <b>3p.m. Soup and Stotties event</b>                   |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct         | Sponsored Zumbathon (in aid of School Fund)            |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct         | Y5/6 Meccano competition Shildon (club members)        |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct         | Y3/4 Theatre visit                                     |
| Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct       | Cinema evening 5 p.m.                                  |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct         | Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)                |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct         | School closes for half-term break                      |
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov          | School re-opens  |
| Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov          | 9.30 a.m. Whole school to St Mary's – families welcome |
| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov          | Individual/Family photos                               |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov         | Y3/4 Collective Worship -parents invited 9.15 a.m.     |
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov         | Parental Consultation meetings YR/2/4/6                |
| Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov        | Parental Consultation meetings Y1/3/5                  |
| w.b. 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov        | Book Fair in School                                    |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec          | 9.30 a.m. Whole school to St Mary's – families welcome |
| Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec        | Parents Meeting re: Assessment 5p.m.                   |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec         | Christmas Fayre 2.30p.m. School Hall                   |
| <b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>   | <b>YR/KS1 Nativity time TBC (p.m.)</b>                 |
| <b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  | <b>YR/KS1 Nativity time TBC (a.m.)</b>                 |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec         | Advent Service St. Mary's 2.15p.m. All welcome         |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec       | Pantomime visit  |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec       | Discos – YR/1/2 4-5.15p.m. Y3/4/5/6 5.30-6.45p.m.      |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec         | Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)                |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec         | School closes for Christmas break                      |

### Star Pupils

|                           |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Year Reception            | Zach Haley                           |
| Year One                  | Amie Davidson /<br>Joshua Ebbelwhite |
| Year Two                  | William Thubron                      |
| Year Three                | Keiran Halliday                      |
| Year Four                 | Aaron Hall / Poppy Watt              |
| Year Five                 | Jenny Archer / Owen Richardson       |
| Year Six                  | Joshua Simpson                       |
| Pupils Pupil              | Laila Brown / Joshua Lawson          |
| Sports Person of the week | Owen Barker                          |

### Mrs Swift's Special Book

Katie Stirman

### Attendance week ending Friday

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Class 1</b> | <b>98.46</b> |
| <b>Class 2</b> | <b>96.97</b> |
| <b>Class 3</b> | <b>95.86</b> |
| <b>Class 4</b> | <b>93.68</b> |

### Harvest in school

Our Harvest Worship will be in school on Tuesday led by Reverend Emma. Again this year we have chosen to support FEED - The Food Emergency East Durham Project. FEED has already seen over 1000 food parcels distributed via a network of volunteers to those in crisis situations, providing a much needed life line to more than 600 individuals and 400 vulnerable families. Please send donations of food items such as tinned beans, fruit or vegetable, dried pasta, rice, cereals or other items which are non perishable into school on Tuesday. Thank you.

### Family Harvest Festival Communion Service

This Sunday (4th October) at 4pm, St Mary's Church.

All ages welcome to our new style service!

This year we're collecting non-perishable items for the Food Bank

*In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.*  
Psalms 18:6

### 2016-2017 Term Dates

On the reverse of this week's newsletter please see the term dates for 2016-2017 and the dates for our PDDays. Please take these dates into account when booking family holidays remembering that new Department for Education guidelines which categorise children with 10% absence as persistently absent. The following table shows estimated cumulative absent sessions thresholds for 10% absence. This means that a child who is absent for 7 or more sessions in the first half-term (September/October) is classed as persistently absent for that academic year.

|   | <b>10%</b>          |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>Half-term 1</b>  | 7 or more sessions  |
| <b>Half-term 1-2 (Autumn Term)</b>                          | 14 or more sessions |
| <b>Half-term 1-3</b>  | 20 or more sessions |
| <b>Half-term 1-4 (Autumn Term and Spring Term combined)</b> | 25 or more sessions |
| <b>Half-term 1-5</b>  | 31 or more sessions |
| <b>Half-term 1-6 (full Academic Year)</b>                   | 38 or more sessions |

### Open Afternoon

It was great to see so many parents and children in school yesterday and to hear such lovely comments about our new offices, classroom, hall extension and lockers. I definitely agree it was worth the wait and inconvenience. Mrs Swift

### Hairstyles

Just a reminder that we expect children to have appropriate hairstyles in school. Also children with long hair (boys and girls) should wear their hair tied back for school. Not only does this look smart and keep hair out of eyes it also helps to prevent the spread of head lice.

### Scarecrow Competition

We are delighted to share that we were awarded (for the second year running!) the best school trophy with our entry in the village Scarecrow Competition. Thank you to staff and children who made our scarecrow.

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 5p.m. Y1 parents meeting - phonics

We would like to invite Y1 parents to consider the implications for our Y1 children when they take the statutory Phonics Screen for all Year One children (which will take place in June.)

At this meeting we will share the format of the Phonics Screen and ways to support learning at home. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions about the Phonics Screen. We look forward to seeing Y1 parents at this meeting.

### Star Baker

Tilly Brennan for her fabulous knowledge of the food groups and for producing a super pasta salad

*If you have any queries about the content of this newsletter please ask. Please make an appointment to speak with class teachers in the first instance. Thank you.*



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