



Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled

NEWSLETTER 4th December 2015



Dates for your diary – details to follow

Mon 7 th Dec	Non-uniform day in return for tombola donations – please note change of date from original letter
Wed 9 th Dec	Tree lighting at Seaton Holme 3.45p.m.
Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Fayre 2.30p.m. School Hall
Mon 14 th Dec	YR/KS1 Nativity time TBC (p.m.)
Tues 15 th Dec	YR/KS1 Nativity time TBC (a.m.)
Wed 16 th Dec	Advent Service St. Mary's 11a.m.
Wed 16 th Dec	Pantomime visit
Wed 16 th Dec	Discos – YR/1/2 4-5.15p.m. Y3/4/5/6 5.30-6.45p.m.
Thurs 17 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Fri 18 th Dec	Christmas party - non-uniform day
Fri 18 th Dec	School closes for Christmas break
Spring Term 2016	
Mon 4 th Jan	PDDay - school closed for children
Tues 5 th Jan	School re-opens for Spring Term
Wed 13 th Jan	Y1/2 Collective Worship -parents invited 9.15 a.m.
Thurs 4 th Feb	Parents Curriculum Evening 5 p.m.
Thurs 11 th Feb	YR/1 Collective Worship -parents invited 9.15 a.m.
Thurs 11 th Feb	Cinema evening 5 p.m.
Fri 12 th Feb	Non uniform day in aid of School Fund
Fri 12 th Feb	School closes for half-term break
Mon 22 nd Feb	School re-opens
Fri 4 th March	Spring Coffee morning 10 a.m.
Mon 14 th Mar	Parental Consultation meetings YR/2/4/6
Tues 15 th Mar	Parental Consultation meetings Y1/3/5
Wed 16 th Mar	Y5/6 Collective Worship – parents invited 9.15 a.m.
Wed 23 rd Mar	Lent Service St Mary's 2.15 p.m.
Wed 23 rd Mar	Discos – YR/1/2 4-5.15p.m. Y3/4/5/6 5.30-6.45p.m.
Thurs 24 th Mar	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)

Star Pupils	
Year Reception	Harry Hagel
Year One	Amie Davidson / Katie Stirman
Year Two	Matthew Delanoy
Year Three	Ronnie Hutton
Year Four	Ava Keegan
Year Five	Charlie Armstrong / Kayne Broad
Year Six	Ella Mae Robinson
Sports Person of the week	Gymnastics Team
Pupils pupil	Leah Bennett / Matthew Flanagan
Mrs Swift's Special Book	
Demi Gatiss	
Attendance week ending Friday	
Class 1	95.20
Class 2	98.75
Class 3	98.00
Class 4	95.00

School Pantomime

This year our children will enjoy a performance of Beauty and the Beast on the afternoon of Wednesday 16th December. We would kindly request a donation of £3 for each child towards the cost of this visiting pantomime. Much of our current School Fund has been used this term subsidising school visits and the visiting pantomime costs over £450. We consider having a visiting pantomime in school is much cheaper than visiting one at a local theatre. Please complete the slip below and return to school along with £3 donation towards the cost of the pantomime. Thank you.

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. Matthew 11:25

Forgiveness is another of our school values. Talk with your family about what it means to forgive.

St Mary's Church Christmas Fayre

St. Mary's Christmas Fayre is this Saturday 5th December 11a.m. – 1 p.m. It would be wonderful to see you there. All proceeds go to St Mary's Church. Reverend Emma

Non-uniform day

Please note this day has been changed to Monday 7th December – children are asked to bring a bottle for our Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fayre in exchange for not wearing their uniform.

Toilet Twinning

Thank you to those who purchased a biscuit towards our Toilet Twinning Project. We raised £53 which will be put towards twinning a toilet in school with a toilet in another country. Further details will follow in due course.

Tree lighting at Seaton Holme

This year this event will take place at 3.45p.m. It is hoped that parents and families will collect children from school and then gather at Seaton Holme for the tree lighting event. After the short ceremony refreshments will be available in Seaton Holme. We look forward to seeing you at this community event

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to those who have already volunteered their time to help with our Christmas Fayre on Friday 11th December at 2.20p.m. We are still looking for one or two more helpers to look after a stall. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Please also note that we are not having a toy stall at our Christmas Fayre this year – we thought we would leave this until the new year when children have had the chance to sort out their “no-longer” wanted toys.

Christmas Fayre raffle

Attached to this week's news letter are two strips of raffle tickets for the raffle at our Christmas Fayre. Prizes include wine, beauty treatments and a luxury Christmas pudding. Each strip of tickets costs £1 - please return one side of tickets (with name clearly indicated on back) and money in a sealed envelope by Friday 11th December. Thank you.

Book Fayre

Thank you to those who supported our Book Fayre this week. We raised £406 to purchase new books for our children.

Another busy week – please see overleaf for more news...

School Pantomime Contribution

Name:

Year Group:

I enclose £3 contribution.

Parents Forum

Our newly established Parents Forum met last week for the first time. Among the items we discussed were our Packed Lunch Policy (which will be shared with our Governing Body next term) and some areas we could improve from our recent parental questionnaires. I will feedback the outcomes from this meeting via a letter. If you would like to become a member of our Parents Forum please contact the school office- the next meeting is on Thursday 14th January at 5.15p.m. Mrs Swift

Dene Community School

This week I had the pleasure of visiting Dene Community School and I am delighted to say that we are going to begin to work in partnership. I was very impressed with the learning environment, small class sizes and welcoming staff. Mr Simpson, Head Teacher, has invited parents of children in any year group to visit the school – please contact the school directly for an appointment 0191 5546000. Mrs Swift

Mr Robertson's Sponsored Run – in aid of purchasing more Computing equipment

I am taking part in a race at Cragside, Rothbury North Northumberland on 6th December. It is what's called a 'Trail Race/run' which means the terrain will be challenging and undulating, and probably 'cold'. The run will be in and around the Cragside Estate. Distance 10 mile, which if it was flat then okay, but there is no doubt it will be hilly. Rothbury is not a flat place. I would be grateful if you could sponsor me for this run – all funds raised will be used to purchase more Computing equipment for our children.

Name	Amount	Collected

Please send money into school by Thursday 10th December – thank you in advance for your support. Mr Robertson

Christmas Lunch

We will be having our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16th December. If your child is currently having a packed lunch and would like to join us for Christmas lunch on this day please send £1.95 in an envelope with by Friday 11th December. This is only necessary for children who would normally have a packed lunch on this day. Children who currently have school lunches should make their weekly payment as usual as Christmas lunch is automatically ordered for them. Unfortunately we cannot accept late orders

Easington Academy Celebration Evening

Last week Mrs Kirkwood and Mrs Watt attended the Celebration Evening at Easington Academy. They were astonished at the number of ex-pupils gaining awards. Congratulations to all those pupils and a thank you to all staff who worked with them here in our school.

A message from Durham LA - 2016 Reception intake

The application process for admission to the 2016 Reception intake closes on the 15 January 2016 and a significant number of pupils have still not made their application for a Reception school place (around 2000 across the county).

Parents can apply using the online admissions facility accessed via the council's website:

www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where the parent's guide "Primary School Admissions in County Durham 2016/2017" is also available. If parents do not wish to apply online they can complete a paper application form that can be printed off from the council's website and posted to us. Parents can also contact us by e-mail schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk or by telephone 03000 265 896 for an application form and the parent's guide. Please note that if you have any Nursery aged pupils who live in another local authority but attend your school, the parents should contact their Home Local Authority (i.e. the authority to which they pay their council tax) to request an application form, even if the parent would like to apply for a school in County Durham.

Please do pass this message onto parents with children.

We also currently have spaces in other year groups – please help spread the message.

Online Safety - Useful guidance for parents of children who are in trouble on line

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation have produced a booklet which would be very helpful to give to the parents of a child who has had online difficulties.

It covers three main areas

- 1) My child has accessed inappropriate images
- 2) My child has either sent or received inappropriate images
- 3) My child is in trouble with the police for something on-line

The Booklet may be downloaded from :-

<http://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/resources.htm>

December writing challenge

Our second writing challenge of the academic year. This time I would like you to write a description of your favourite hobby – tell me what you do and when and why you like it so much. Mrs Humphries will then choose a winner out of each group to receive a prize. Entries need to be in school by Monday 14th December. Mrs Swift

Family Friday

Thank you to those parents and grandparents who joined us in school this morning for Family Friday. It was great to see our children working alongside parents and family members. The next Family Friday will be on Friday 8th January.

