



Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled Friday 7th October 2016



Dates for your diary Autumn Term 2016 – details to follow

Wed 12 th Oct	Sponsored Event (in aid of School Fund)
Wed 12 th Oct	Cinema evening 4.45p.m.- 6p.m.
Sat 15 th Oct	Ceilidh – St Mary's
Sun 16 th Oct	Harvest Gift Day Service 9.30a.m. St. Mary's Harvest Prayer and Praise 4p.m. St. Mary's
Wed 19th Oct	Church 9.30a.m. Harvest Gift Day– all parents and families welcome – please note change of date
Thur 20 th Oct	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 21 st Oct	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Fri 21 st Oct	School closes for half-term break
Mon 31 st Oct	School re-opens
Wed 2 nd Nov	All Souls (service of remembrance) 7.30p.m. St. Mary's
Thurs 3 rd Nov	Mr Appleby's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 4 th Nov	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m.
Sun 6 th Nov	Family Communion St. Mary's 4p.m.
Sun 13 th	Remembrance Sunday Communion 9.30a.m.
Mon 14 th Nov	Parental Consultation meetings YR/2/4/6
Tues 15 th Nov	Parental Consultation meetings Y1/3/5
Wed 16 th Nov	Church 9.30a.m. – all parents and families welcome
Thurs 17 th Nov	Miss Wiseman's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Sun 20 th Nov	Christ the King St. Mary's 9.30a.m.
Fri 25 th Nov	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Fri 25 th Nov	Phototronics – individual photographs
Fri 25 th Nov	Book Fair arrives in school
Thurs 1 st Dec	Parents Curriculum Evening 5p.m.
Fri 2 nd Dec	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m.
Sat 3 rd Dec	St. Mary's Christmas Fair 11a.m.-1p.m. St. Mary's Hall
Sun 4 th Dec	Messy Church St. Mary's 4p.m.
Thurs 8 th Dec	Ms Lilley's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 9 th Dec	Christmas Fair 2.30p.m. School Hall
Mon 12 th Dec	YR KS1 Nativity time to be confirmed PM
Tues 13 th Dec	YR KS1 Nativity time to be confirmed AM
Wed 14 th Dec	Advent Service St. Mary's 2.15p.m. All welcome
Wed 14 th Dec	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.
Fri 16 th Dec	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 16 th Dec	School closes for Christmas break
Sun 18 th Dec	Nine lessons and carols St. Mary's 7p.m
Fri 24 th Dec	Christingle St. Mary's 6p.m. Midnight communion by candlelight St. Mary's 11.30p.m.

Star Pupils

Mrs Appleby Jupiter	Ava Keegan
Miss Swan/Mrs Hetherington's Neptune	Alex Smithson
Mr Appleby Saturn	Olivia Curtis-Dawson
Miss Wiseman Mercury	Frankie Laight
Ms Lilley Pluto	Isabelle Hall
Writer of the week	Charlotte Lawton
Sportsperson of the week	Dan Young
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Katie Stirman
Pupils Pupil	Isabelle Hall / Elise Embleton
Star Baker	Anna Quarmby

Attendance

Jupiter	95.0
Neptune	95.0
Saturn	98.5
Mercury	91.8
Pluto	97.6

Family Friday/Stay and Play

Thank you to those parents and family members who came into school for our first Family/Stay and Play event of the school year. AS always it is wonderful to see parents and family members working alongside children in school. You may have seen me showing a visitor around school who commented on how amazing it was to see everyone in school and how impressed our visitor was with the whole event! Thank you

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 24:11

Autumn Term Writing Challenge

My challenge this term takes the form of a letter. I would like to you write a letter to Cllr Surtees (also one of our Governors) to explain to her what you like to see improved in Easington or the surrounding area. Please send letters in to school by Wednesday 19th October. The best letter from each class will receive a small prize. I will then give the letters to Cllr Surtees for her to read. Mrs Swift.

Harvest Gift Day

Our Harvest Gift Day will coincide with the mid week communion service at St. Mary's on Wednesday 19th October which all children will attend. Once 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 vegetables, dried pasta, rice, cereals or other items which are non perishable into school on Wednesday 19th October. Thank you.

Packed Lunch Policy

Our SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group) met last week and the children in the group asked if parents could be reminded of our Packed Lunch Policy. Following the introduction of School Food Standards from the Government, our SNAG group, in conjunction with Taylor Shaw our meals provider, developed this policy in consultation with parents, pupils and governors. As part of the School Food Plan, a new set of standards for all food served in schools was launched by the Department for Education. They become **mandatory** in all maintained schools, and new academies and free schools from January 2015.

Packed lunches **should** include: at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day.

meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, houmous or falafel) every day.

oily fish, such as salmon, tuna at least once every three weeks.

a starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other type of cereals every day.

dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard everyday.

only water or still diluted juice .

Packed lunches **should not** include snacks such as crisps. (Instead, include seeds, vegetables and fruit - with no added salt, sugar or fat - savoury crackers or breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food)

confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits and sweets. (Cakes and biscuits are allowed but encourage your child to eat these only as part of a balanced meal.)

highly processed foods such as Dairylea dunkers, Cheese Strings, Fruit Winders

pastry products such as sausage rolls, individual pies and pasties

nuts

Please note that if items from the above (not) list are brought into school these will be taken from children and then returned at the end of the school day. Children will be reminded of the list of items that are acceptable



again for your continued support. Mrs Swift

A reminder of our Attendance Procedures

Unauthorised absence is given when:

- A child arrives after 9.30 a.m. without a medical reason
- A child is absent and the reason is not medical or has not been authorised by the Headteacher.

Parents are asked to **contact** school to explain their children's absence before 9.30 a.m. on that school day. The reason must be medical if it is to be authorised. Other circumstances must have been given permission by the Headteacher. Following the child's return to school a **letter** to explain the absence should be sent into school so that the appropriate mark can be put into the attendance register. Until this letter is received a child's attendance remains as **unauthorised**. We regularly review attendance and unauthorised attendance may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Amendments to the 2006 regulations in September 2013 **remove** references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

If parents do not apply for leave of absence, or follow the correct procedure, the absence will be considered to be unauthorised which could result in an application for a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Please note these procedures are in line with Durham LA guidance and have been ratified by our Governing Body.

Sponsored Run

Earlier this week your child will have brought home a letter and a Sponsor Form regarding our Sponsored run on Wednesday 12th October. Please try to get a couple of sponsors for your child for this fundraising activity. All proceeds will go into School Fund. Our School Fund subsidises visits and visitors for our children and buys other resources in school. Please send sponsor money into school by Wednesday 19th October. Thank you in advance for your support.

Football Update

On Wednesday the Boys Football team took part in the Eden Colliery Cup which is a cup especially for small schools. The team won all 3 games without conceding a goal and have now progressed into the finals in two weeks time. If we win the overall competition we will go through to represent the whole of Durham County. Well done to the boys football team.

League Results

Easington C of E 6 - Star of the Sea 0

Easington C of E 0 - Rosary 0

Easington C of E 0 - Shotton Hall 1

Face at the Gate

Just a reminder that Mrs Hood is our "Face at the Gate" on a morning before school starts. Mrs Hood is on the yard five minutes before the bell rings to take messages from parents and family members which can then be relayed to the appropriate staff members. Please allow class teachers and other staff to accompany children into school. Thank you.

Shoes

Please ensure your child has a pair of trainers for their PE lesson. If your child is not yet able to fasten laces please ensure these trainers have Velcro. Again with school shoes, please ensure your child can fasten their shoes independently (children in Ms Lilley's class we know may need some assistance). This ensures that children can get dressed quickly for their PE lesson and other sporting activities and develops their independence. Thank you for your cooperation.

A message from the Safer Durham Partnership - Hate Crime

Hate crime is when someone picks on you because they think you are different in some way. This can be because of things like

- Where you come from
- Your disability
- Your religion

Hate crime can be lots of different things like

- Bullying you
- Stealing from you
- Breaking or damaging your things
- Hitting you
- Calling you names

Hate crime is wrong - you do not have to put up with it. If these things are happening to you or someone you know tell the police about it and we can work together to stop it happening.

Reporting hate crime If you have been a victim or have seen a hate crime it is important that you report it.

- We take all reports of hate crime very seriously
- We make sure victims of hate crime get the best possible support
- Reporting hate crime can stop it from happening to someone else

There are lots of ways to report hate crime

- In an emergency telephone: 999 For non-emergencies call Durham Police telephone: 101
- Call in to a local police station
- Crimestoppers telephone: 0800 555 111
- Report online at www.report-it.org.uk

For general advice contact

Citizen's Advice Bureau Telephone: 08444 111 444

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Victim Care and Advice Service Freephone: 0303 0401 099

www.victimcareandadvice.org.uk

Equality and Human Rights Commission telephone: 0808 000 084

www.equalityhumanrights.com

Social Care Direct Telephone: 03000 26 79 79

www.durham.gov.uk/hatecrime