

Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled Friday 10th March 2017

Dates for your diary – details to follow

Wed 15 th Mar	Worship at St. Mary's 9.30a.m.
Mon 20 th Mar	Parents Curriculum Evening 5 p.m –details overleaf
Wed 22 nd Mar	Someone Special lunch
Thurs 23 rd Mar	Miss Wiseman's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Mon 27 th Mar	Parental Consultation meetings YR/2/4/6
Tues 28 th Mar	Parental Consultation meetings Y1/3/5
Fri 31 st Mar	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Mon 3 rd April	Lent Challenge activities Pluto class
Tues 4 th April	Lent Challenge activities Mercury class
Wed 5 th April	Lent Service St Mary's 2.15 p.m.
Wed 5 th April	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.
Wed 5 th April	Lent Challenge activities Saturn class
Thurs 6 th April	Ms Lilley's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m.
Thurs 6 th April	Lent Challenge activities Neptune class
Fri 7 th April	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play 9-10a.m.
Fri 7 th April	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 7 th April	Lent Challenge activities Jupiter class
Fri 7 th April	School closes for Easter break
Mon 24 th April	School re-opens for Summer Term for children
Throughout May	Assessment and testing for all year groups. Leave of Absence will not be granted
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday - school closed for children
Tues 2 nd May	PDDay - school closed for children
Fri 5 th May	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play 9-10a.m.
w.b. 8 th May	Y6 Statutory Testing week
Wed 10 th May	Cinema evening 4.45p.m.- 6p.m.
Thurs 18 th May	Mr Appleby's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m
Thurs 18 th May	Parents Curriculum Evening 5 p.m.
Thurs 18 th May	Miss Swan's/Mrs Hetherington's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 19 th May	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Wed 24 th May	Whole School Sports Afternoon 1.45 p.m.
Fri 26 th May	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 26 th May	School closes for half-term break

Star Pupils

Jupiter	Kelvin Luu
Neptune	Ashton Lawson
Saturn	Beth Irving
Mercury	Noah Fenwick
Pluto	Jasmine Stobbart
Pupils Pupil	Lucas Wilkes / Josph Short
Sportsperson of the week	Skye Harrison
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Valentine Cooper

Attendance

Jupiter	98.9
Neptune	98.8
Saturn	94.5
Mercury	93.3
Pluto	97.3

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March Mass Read

Last Thursday as part of our World book Day activities our children took part in a Mass Read with children from other school in the Peterlee Partnership Teaching School Alliance (of which we are a member). An amazing 4326 children took part in the Mass Read!

Behaviour Policy

At their meeting last week Governors reviewed and adopted our Behaviour Policy. Governors agreed to continue to use our current policy which involves the tracking of children's behaviour. Our Behaviour Policy can be found on our school web site <http://www.easington-pri.durham.sch.uk/about-us/school-policies>

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:22
The theme of our Collective Worship continues to be the Fruit of the Spirit. This week we have thought about patience and goodness.

Two Quality Mark awards for our school

Last Friday we were informed that we have been awarded two Quality Mark awards. We have been awarded the **afPE (Association of Physical Education) Quality Mark**. The afPE Quality Mark recognises, through a succinct self review and evaluation process, the strength and quality of physical education and sport in our school. This award will continue to raise the profile of the subject and the school both locally and nationally and will promote the high quality work that is being undertaken on a day to day basis. High quality physical education and sport makes a difference to the learning and experiences of children and young people both within the subject and more widely across the curriculum.

We will receive a certificate, an engraved plaque and our school will also be listed on the afPE Quality Mark webpage. <http://www.afpe.org.uk/physical-education/afpe-quality-mark-for-pe-a-sport> In addition the Association will submit a report to the Department for Education (DfE) which will include details of the successful applicants. There is always a possibility that a representative from the DfE or Sport England may wish to visit our school !



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afPE Quality Mark - Roll of Honour

Please see the list of schools that have achieved the afPE Quality Mark for Physical Education & Sport.

There are two types of award – Quality Mark and Quality Mark with Distinction.

Awards - March 2017

The following schools have been awarded the afPE Quality Mark (in a period of 3 years):

- Collands Primary School, Cheshire
- Easington C of E Primary School, Durham
- Greenfield Community College, Durham
- Hanfield Infant and Nursery School, Middlesex
- St Kent CP School, Cornwall
- St Thomas' Hallwell CE Primary School, Lancashire

For over 10 years our school has held the **Basic Skills Agency Quality Mark** and this has again been achieved for another three years. The Basic Skills Quality Mark is an award that celebrates and supports continuous improvement in literacy and numeracy. It is awarded to a setting or school to recognise their provision, practice and performance in literacy and numeracy. A school or setting must demonstrate a whole school approach to improving standards in literacy and numeracy, with evidence of the impact of its approaches. It provides a framework for self-evaluation and continuous improvement of the basic skills of all pupils in a school, including those who underachieve and those who under attain. A huge thank you to staff and Governors who helped towards gaining these awards and to parents and families for their continued support. Mrs Swift



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Parents curriculum meeting – Monday 20th March 5 p.m.

Our next curriculum parents meeting will take place on Monday 20th March. Mr Robertson, our PE Subject Leader, will be sharing an update on PE and Sport in school and will be sharing more information about our recent success with the afPE Quality Mark. If you would like to attend this meeting please complete the slip below and return to school by Wednesday 15th March. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance Policy

Just a reminder that as per our Attendance Policy (also available on our web site) parents are asked to explain their children's absence before 9.30 a.m. on that school day by **phoning school**. The reason must be medical if it is to be authorised. Other circumstances must have been given permission by Mrs Swift using the Leave of Absence request form. Following your 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. Mrs Swift has the discretion to authorise or unauthorise all absences. If a letter is not sent into school then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Amendments to the 2006 regulations in September 2013 make clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances – this is also in line with Durham LA Attendance Improvement Team guidance. Headteachers 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.

Spring Writing Challenge

An apology to Joseph Short Y2 who also completed a piece of writing for my latest Writing Challenge. Joseph received his prize during Collective Worship this week.

Youth Proms at the Gala Theatre, Durham

This week every child (on different days!) attended a Youth Proms event at the Gala Theatre. On Wednesday I joined Neptune class on this visit. Not only was the concert itself fantastic, our children behaved very well and were a credit to our school. A wonderful opportunity for all to enjoy! Mrs Swift

Sleep and performance in school

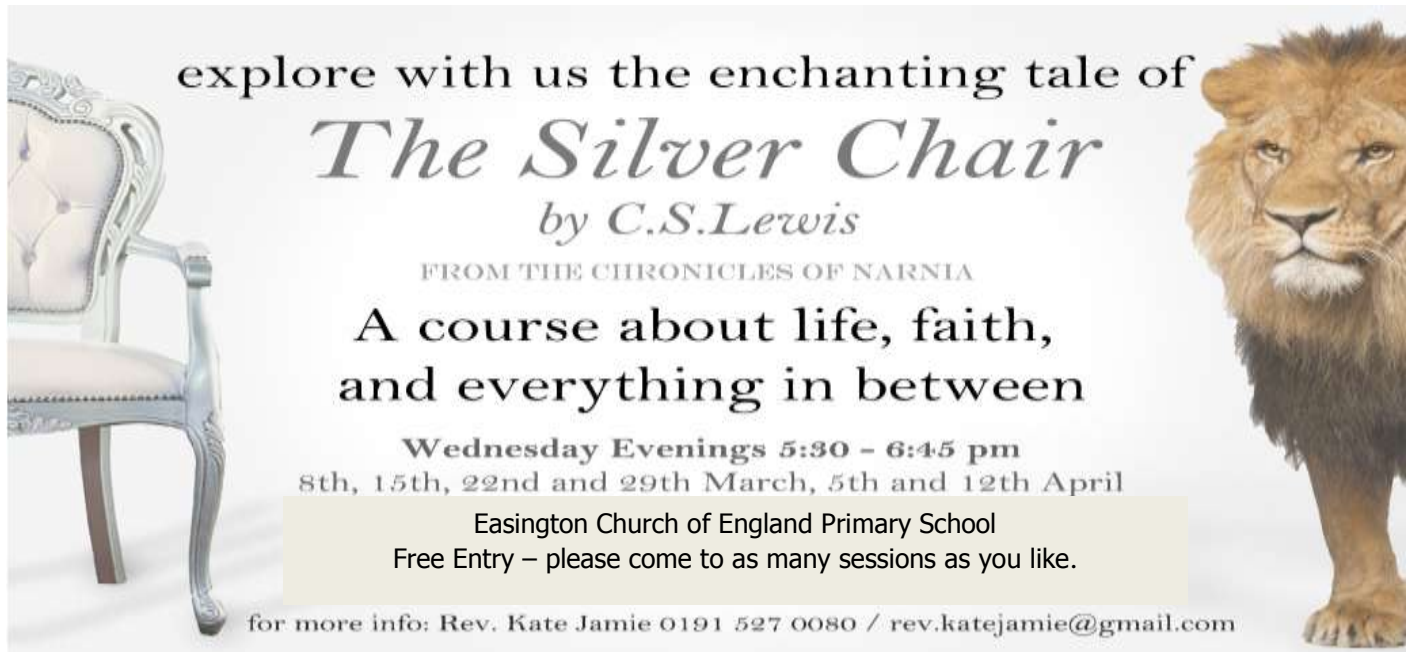
Did you see the BBC Panorama programme on Monday evening which investigated the impact sleep education has on improving school children's cognitive performance? The team behind the programme helped Honley High School students increase total sleep time by 1.5 hours and decrease daytime sleepiness levels by 38%. Their findings also concluded that good quality sleep leads to:

- an increase in **problem solving abilities**
- an increase in **focus & attention** and
- improvement in **memory recall**

Here is a link to the programme on i player <http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08hymf3/panorama-sleepless-britain>

Red Nose Day – Friday 24th Day

School Council are meeting next week to decide what we would like to do for Red Nose Day this year. More details to follow



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Parents Curriculum Meeting – Monday 20th March 5p.m.

Name of child:

Year group:

I/we will be attending the above meeting (please delete)



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trust, thankfulness, hope, friendship, forgiveness