



Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled Friday 14th October 2016



Dates for your diary Autumn Term 2016 – details to follow

Wed 19 th Oct	Church 9.30a.m. Harvest Gift Day– all parents and families welcome
Tues 18 th Oct	Miss Swn/Mrs Hetherington's class Take Off festival visit
Wed 19 th Oct	Meccano Competition at Shildon Railway Museum
Thur 20 th Oct	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund) Wizard of Oz Production
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./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class
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	Katie Alcock
Miss Swan/Mrs Hetherington's Neptune	Archie Paxton
Mr Appleby Saturn	Imogen Hanaby
Miss Wiseman Mercury	Maddie Atkinson
Ms Lilley Pluto	Riley Kitching
Sportsperson of the week	Ayana Sonogami
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Olivia Davies
Pupils Pupil	Ava Keegan / Thomas Ashcroft

Attendance

Jupiter	90.0
Neptune	91.7
Saturn	99.0
Mercury	92.9
Pluto	93.8

Lateness

On Tuesday of this week 17 children were late into school (ie that came into school via our school entrance after their class had been escorted into school by a member of staff). I am trialling a new record keeping system for late comers and ask that parents accompany children into the entrance so that a reason for lateness can be recorded. Many of the reasons that children have given for being late this week are avoidable however I appreciate that some are genuine. If a child is late into school they are missing out on learning time. Thank you for your support.

So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:24

Sponsored Run

Following our successful Sponsored run on Wednesday (dodging the showers!) many children have already brought their sponsor money into school – thank you. 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 all sponsor money is sent into school by Wednesday 19th October. Thank you in advance for your support.

Wizard of Oz Production

Rather than invite a pantomime into school this year (which can be very expensive and difficult to fit in with other things at that time of year) we have booked for a theatre group to come into school on Thursday. This coincides with our non-uniform day and we have asked for a £3 voluntary contribution for both of these activities. A letter was sent home earlier this week outlining these activities.

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.

Booktrust gift

All YR reception children have this week received a copy of "Kitchen disco" – a free gift from Booktrust to develop a love of reading. We hope you enjoy sharing this lovely book.

Checking school bags

A gentle reminder to ask parents to check school bags on a daily basis for letters and Reading Records. One child showed a member of staff their Book Bag which still had letters from two weeks ago in there! There is always lots going on in school and we try our best to send out information in good time. We often put deadlines on letters and slips to be returned – please ensure these deadlines are adhered to. Thank you, Mrs Swift.

trust, thankfulness, hope, friendship, forgiveness



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Bonfire Lunch

Our SNAG group has organised a special lunch for Friday 4th November.



Please complete the slip below if your child (who currently does not have school lunches) would like to enjoy a school lunch on this day. Please return the slip with £2 in a sealed envelope by Wednesday 19th October.

School meal payments

School meals cost £2 per day ie £10 per week and payments are collected in advance on the first day of the school week. After half-term (week beginning Monday 31st October) parents can pay for the complete half-term which will cost £70.00. We would particularly welcome payments by cheque (either on a weekly or monthly basis) and these should be made payable to Durham County Council. If paying in cash please send the correct money. All payments should be placed in an envelope clearly marked with the child's name.

Digital Parenting – Vodafone

Along with this week's newsletter your child will bring home a copy of Vodafone's latest publication of Digital Parenting. We take e-safety very seriously at Easington Church of England Primary School. We ask that parents spend some time reading through the publication and speak to their children about any concerns they may have. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries about e-safety – our local PSCOs are very supportive with e-safety concerns.

East Durham Creates Events

Little Bo Peep Friday 21 October, 10.30 - 11.30am
Castle Eden Village Hall, TS27 4SS

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep and doesn't know where to find them. Her friend Little Boy Blue is doing his best to help find the woolly runaways but he keeps falling asleep. Meanwhile, The Nursery Rhyme Man is in his kitchen baking a surprise cake for Little Bo Peep's birthday. As he works a naughty mouse keeps stealing the ingredients. Sing along to your favourite nursery rhymes; Ten Green Bottles, Hickory Dickory Dock, The Grand Old Duke of York and many, many more. Watch them come to life before your eyes in Sea Legs Puppet Theatre's fabulous Tenth Anniversary show. Featuring magnificent puppets, fantastic scenery and of course lots of music and singing. Suitable for ages 2 – 7.

Running time – 45 minutes + 15 minutes to "Meet the Puppets"

Tickets: £1.50 per child; adults free.

To book tickets contact Castle Eden Village Hall:
Tel: 01429 838 337

Jack and the Beans Talk

Wednesday 26 October, 11am - 12pm
Shotton Community Centre, DH6 2PA

Jack and The Beans Talk is a funny retelling of the traditional story from award winning theatre company Garlic Theatre. Is it a dream or did I hear a talking bean? Jack lives on a small farm with his mum and very little to eat. He likes to talk to the birds, his cow and anyone who will listen. Imagine his surprise when he swaps his cow for some magic beans and starts to hear a whispering and a rumble in the sky... Charming and inventive with plenty of interaction, an enormous beanstalk, bags of gold and a giant that sniffs out small boys. Jack and the Beans Talk is a cautionary tale about what might happen if you throw things out of the window! Suitable for ages 3 – 7 Tickets: £1
To book tickets contact Shotton Community Centre:
Tel: 0191 526 4213

Spirits of the Sea

Thursday 27 October, 11am - 12pm and 1 - 2pm
Blackhall Community Centre, TS27 4LG

Step inside a mystical mariner's hut to hear a magical tale of an ancient fishing village far from here...

It is said that, in ancient times, people bundled their worries and nightmares into sacks and cast them into the sea. The sea felt burdened by people's sorrows and soon the waves began to feel angry and grew into demons.

The people did not know how to appease the demons. Only one girl can calm the sea and teach the children that it is better to let their worries play in the wind than sink beneath the waves, but will the village listen to a child?

An enchanting theatre experience which uses folk tale to look how to deal with worries and anxieties through storytelling, live music, puppetry and song.

Suitable for children aged 6 - 10. Tickets: Free

To book ticket contact Blackhall Community Centre:

Bonfire Lunch – Friday 4th November

Name of child:

Class:

I enclose £2 for my child to have a Bonfire lunch.