



Easington Church of England Primary School

Newsletter Friday 17th November 2017



Dates for your diary – details to follow

2017-2018	
w.b. 13 th Nov	Inter-faith week
Wed 22 nd Nov	Church 9.30a.m. – all parents and families welcome – new date
Fri 24 th Nov	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. all welcome
w.b. 27 th Nov	Bikeability Y5/6
Fri 1 st Dec	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play class 9-10a.m.
Mon 4 th Dec	Phototronics – individual photographs – please note change of date.
Wed 6 th Dec	Church 9.30a.m. – all parents and families welcome
Thurs 7 th Dec	YR Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome – please note change of date
Fri 8 th Dec	Non-uniform day (donations in aid of Christmas Fair)
Wed 13 th Dec	Church 9.30a.m. – all parents and families welcome
Fri 15 th Dec	Christmas Fair 2.30p.m. School Hall
Mon 18 th Dec	YR KS1 Nativity time to be confirmed PM
Tues 19 th Dec	YR KS1 Nativity time to be confirmed AM
Wed 20 th Dec	Music Concert – Leopard class plus tutored pupils (saxophone and flute) 9.15am
Wed 20 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Wed 20 th Dec	Advent Service St. Mary's 2.15p.m. All welcome
Wed 20 th Dec	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.
Fri 22 nd Dec	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 22 nd Dec	School closes for Christmas break
Mon 8 th Jan	PDDay- school closed for children
Tues 9 th Jan	School re-opens for Spring Term

Star Pupils Friday 10th November

Lions	Tom Hannaby
Jaguars	Layla Burnip
Tigers	Millie Weatherall
Leopards	William Thubron
Puma	Lewis Craggs
Writer of the week	Zach Cummings
Pupils Pupil	Jasmine Stobart / Laila Brown
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Amy Harrison

Attendance

Lions	93.5
Jaguars	99.1
Tigers	96.2
Leopards	97.7
Puma	100

Buttons

Thank you so much to those who brought donations of buttons into school. I was particularly delighted with the donation from Sam Millers Mum who provided a huge tin of buttons to be used in school – thank you so much.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

As a result of selling Pudsey biscuits today we have raised over £50 Children in Need. Thank you for your generous donations.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to those children and families who provided Shoe Boxes for the Operation Christmas Child project. Once again you have made the difference to the life of another child somewhere in the world.

Newcastle University Students

Last week we welcomed Megan and Ellie into our school. Megan and Ellie are working in school as part of the Students into Schools programme from Newcastle University using their degree subject knowledge in a school setting. Our children, as always, have welcomed Megan and Ellie into our school.

Parish Patch

Have you seen the latest edition of Parish Patch? Our children have contributed to this edition and it really is a must read!

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:16 The theme of our Collective Worship for this week has been A Time to Trust (God the Holy Spirit) 'And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil'.

Safeguarding update

Thank you to parents and families who help to make our school a safe place for our children through following school procedures and policies. In the near future we are going to explore with children if there are any spaces or times in school when they do not feel safe.

Please find on the reverse of this week's newsletter some information about Childnet around internet safety.

Jaguars collective worship – Thursday 16th November

Thank you to parents and family members of children in Jaguars class (Year 1) who joined us in worship yesterday. The children did an amazing job at leading us in worship.

St Mary's Service Wednesday 8th November

It was lovely to see so many parents and families members joining us in worship last Wednesday. As a C of E school this is one of the elements which makes our school distinctive and contributes to our overall effectiveness. It is also an integral part to our school – further information can be found in our School Brochure (available on our web site). We look forward to worshipping with you again at St. Mary's on Wednesday 22nd November.

Interfaith week

This week in school we have been celebrating Interfaith week and our children have had the opportunity to learn about different faiths. We have had a number of visitors in school who have talked to the children about their faith: Sadia who belongs to the Islamic faith, Cloud a Sikh and Rev'd Kate who is a Christian. As always, our children asked some amazing questions of our visitors and developed their knowledge of how others chose to lead their lives.

We thank all of our visitors in to school this week who offered the gift of time to be with our children.

Book Fair

You may remember last year we held a Book Fair in school. The Scholastic Book Fairs offer an amazing range of books for the children. They also offer the added bonus to the school that the total value of books we sell to parents, the school can choose then books to the same value for our school!

We have arranged another selection of books to be delivered to school shortly. Below are the times I will be opening the fair to parents and children to browse.

- Tuesday 28th November 8.30-9.00am
- Tuesday 28th November 3.30-4.00pm
- Wednesday 29th November 8.30-9.00am
- Wednesday 29th November 3.30-4.00pm
- Thursday 30th November 3.30-4.00pm
- Friday 1st December 8.30-9.00am

There will be over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from. It would be lovely if you could spare a few minutes to pop in and have a look. Thank you Ali

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What can I do right now?

- Maintain an open dialogue with your child and encourage them to talk to you about their internet use: for example who they're talking to, services they're using, and any issues they may be experiencing.
- Create a family agreement to establish your children's boundaries, and your expectations, when on the internet.
- Give your child strategies to deal with any online content that they are not comfortable with – such as turning off the screen, telling an adult they trust and using online reporting facilities.
- Consider using filtering software to block unwanted content. In addition to filtering, remember that discussion with your child, and involvement in their internet use, are both effective ways to educate them about the internet.
- Encourage your children to 'think before you post.' Online actions can impact not only yourself but the lives of others. Content posted privately online can be publicly shared by others, and may remain online forever.
- Understand the law. Some online behaviour may break the law, for example when downloading or sharing content with others. Be able to recommend legal services.
- Familiarise yourself with the privacy settings and reporting features available on popular sites and services.
- If your child is being bullied online, save all available evidence and know where to report the incident, for example to the school, service provider, or the police if the law has been broken.
- Familiarise yourself with the age ratings for games and apps which can help to indicate the level and suitability of the content. Also see if online reviews are available from other parents as these may be helpful.
- Set up a family email address that your children can use when signing up to new games and websites online.
- Encourage your children to use nicknames (where possible) instead of their full name online, to protect their personal information, and create strong passwords for every account.
- Set up a PIN or password on devices to help protect personal information.

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Help make sure that your children know how to stay safe online, by using our SMART Rules for primary aged children, or 5 Tips for Teens.

5 SMART Rules for primary aged children:

S **Safe:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

M **Meet:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

A **Accepting:** Accepting emails, messages, or opening files, images or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R **Reliable:** Someone online might lie about who they are and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information by looking at other websites, in books, or with someone who knows. If you like chatting online it's best to only chat to your real world friends and family.

T **Tell:** Tell a parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone, or something, makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

5 Tips for Teens:

1 **Protect your online reputation:** use the tools provided by online services to manage your digital footprints and 'think before you post.' Content posted online can last forever and could be shared publicly by anyone.

2 **Know where to find help:** understand how to report to service providers and use blocking and deleting tools. If something happens that upsets you online, it's never too late to tell someone.

3 **Don't give in to pressure:** if you lose your inhibitions you've lost control; once you've pressed send you can't take it back.

4 **Respect the law:** use reliable services and know how to legally access the music, film and TV you want.

5 **Acknowledge your sources:** use trustworthy content and remember to give credit when using other people's work/ideas.

Further advice and resources:

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