



# Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016



## Dates for your diary Autumn Term 2016 – details to follow

Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christ the King St. Mary's 9.30a.m.
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Phototronics – individual photographs
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Book Fair arrives in school
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Parents Curriculum Evening 5p.m.
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Family Friday./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	St. Mary's Christmas Fair 11a.m.-1p.m. St. Mary's Hall
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Messy Church St. Mary's 4p.m.
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non Uniform Day – in aid of bottle tombola Christmas Fair
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Ms Lilley's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair 2.30p.m. School Hall
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	YR KS1 Nativity time to be confirmed PM
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	YR KS1 Nativity time to be confirmed AM
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Advent Service St. Mary's 2.15p.m. All welcome
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School closes for Christmas break
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nine lessons and carols St. Mary's 7p.m
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle St. Mary's 6p.m. Midnight communion by candlelight St. Mary's 11.30p.m.

## Spring Term 2017

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Bank Holiday - school closed for children
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	PDDay- school closed for children
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School re-opens for Spring Term
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m.
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mrs Appleby's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m.
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cinema evening 4.45p.m. - 6p.m.
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mr Appleby's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents Curriculum Evening 5 p.m.
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bend the Rules day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes for half-term break

## Star Pupils

Mrs Appleby Jupiter	Amelia Dawes / Owen Richardson
Miss Swan/Mrs Hetherington's Neptune	Dylan Craggs
Mr Appleby Saturn	Harriet Barker
Miss Wiseman Mercury	Mercury Class
Ms Lilley Pluto	Ella Gibson
Sportsperson of the week	Jack Davidson
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Kieran Halliday
Pupils Pupil	Katie Alcock / Mercury Class

## Attendance

Jupiter	96.2
Neptune	97.1
Saturn	93.0
Mercury	90.6
Pluto	92.9

## Parental Consultation meetings

Thank you to those who attended our meetings this week – this is such an important way of developing home/school links. Thank you also to those who did not bring children into school for these meetings (as requested on original letter)– as you will have seen we do not have the staffing to supervise nor space to accommodate children while these meetings take place. Mrs Swift

*Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." John 8:12*

## Children in Need – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you to those children who donated towards this charity today through buying Pudsey biscuits– we raised £111.42

## Samaritan's Purse – Shoebox appeal

Thank you to those families who donated a shoebox to this appeal. You have made the difference to a child's life this Christmas.

## Marielle Schmidt – French Language Assistant

Marielle works in our school every other Thursday. Children have welcomed Marielle into our school community and I know Marielle enjoys spending time in our school. Last week I was lucky enough to team teach alongside Marielle (using my French skills – a little rusty from when I studied for my degree) in our Y5/6 class. I thoroughly enjoyed working alongside her and children responded brilliantly. There is nothing better than a native speaker to make the learning of foreign language come alive. Mrs Swift

## Beginning of school day

Just a reminder that if parents need to speak to a member of staff at the beginning of the school day that this must be done on the yard prior to children entering the building or via our school office. For safeguarding reasons parents are not allowed to come into school with their child unless they are accompanied by a member of staff. Thank you for your support.

## Mercury class led worship and mid week communion at St. Mary's

Thank you to those parents and family members who joined us in worship yesterday and to those who joined us at our mid week service on Wednesday at St. Mary's. Thank you in particular to those who completed and returned evaluations – these are now in our Collective Worship Reflection book and provide us with evidence of how worship is valued by our community.

## Stories of Easington Thursday 24 November 4-8pm

Please see the reverse of this week's newsletter for details of a free after-dark event celebrating the people and stories of Easington.

This event is being organised by East Durham Creates, in partnership with local community groups, schools, artists and performers and with the kind support of East Durham Trust. East Durham Creates is one of 21 Arts Council England Creative People and Places projects.

## Nut free school

Please remember that, due to a number of our children having a nut allergy, that nuts are **not** allowed in school within packed lunches – this includes foods that may include nuts. Our Packed Lunch Policy equally applies to Packed Lunches that are eaten during school visits. Thank you.

*trust, thankfulness, hope, friendship, forgiveness*



**Inter-faith week**

Yesterday Mr Gregory (Head of RE) and a number of Easington Academy students brought artefacts from different religions into our school. During the day each class had the opportunity to handle and explore the artefacts with the support of the Academy students. This was a wonderful opportunity for our children which extended their knowledge of different faith groups. A huge thank you to Mr Gregory and the students for making this opportunity possible. Mrs Swift



**Inter faith week Writing challenge**

Your challenge is to write a poem entitled Love is.....

Think back to when we watched the "Love has no labels" short film – you might like to use some of those ideas in your poem. Please send all poems into school by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. We'll share them during Celebration Worship on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November when parents and family members are invited. Mrs Swift



# STORIES OF EASINGTON

An after dark festival celebrating who we are!



Memorial Avenue & Church of Ascension



The Welly



Dennis Donnini Memorial Garden



Billy's Street



Seaside Lane



Café Together

Come and join us for an evening of lights, brass, dance, crafts, street art, stories, remembrance, hot broth and magic in Easington Colliery

**Thursday 24 November 2016, 4pm – 8pm, FREE**

Information point at The Welly (Easington Social Welfare Centre), Seaside Lane SR8 3PL

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