



Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled Friday 19th May 2017



Dates for your diary – details to follow

Wed 24 th May	Church 9.30 a.m. – all 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
Mon 5 th June	School re-opens
Tues 6 th June	Y6 leavers service at Durham Cathedral
Wed 7 th June	Open Afternoon for prospective parents and children
Wed 7 th June	Jupiter class visit
Fri 9 th June	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play 9-10a.m.
Wed 14 th June	Neptune class visit
Wed 14 th June	Confirmation service St. Mary's 7.30p.m. all welcome
Thurs 15 th June	Pluto class Collective Worship 9.15a.m.
15 th /16 th June	Y3/4 Beamish Residential
Tues 20 th June	Meeting for September 2017 new YR parents 5.30p.m.
Wed 21 st June	Church 9.30 a.m. – all welcome
Wed 21 st June	Easington's Got Talent final 5 p.m.
Thurs 22 nd June	Jupiter class Collective Worship 9.15a.m
Fri 23 rd June	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. all welcome
28-30 th June	Y5/6 London visit
Mon 3 rd July	Y6 transition day Easington Academy
Wed 5 th July	Children's Festival day at Hesleden Primary
Thurs 6 th July	Miss Wiseman's class Collective Worship 9.15
Fri 7 th July	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play 9-10a.m.
Fri 7 th July	Easington Pride - Dare to be Different
Fri 7 th July	Summer Fayre 2.30p.m. School Hall
Tues 11 th July	Music concert for parents and families led by children 2.30p.m.
Wed 12 th July	Annual Reports to parents
Wed 19 th July	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.
Thurs 20 th July	Y6 leavers service St. Mary's 2.15p.m
Fri 21 st July	School closes for summer break
Mon 4 th Sept	PDDay – school closed to children
Tues 5 th Sept	School re-opens for Autumn Term 2017

Star Pupils Friday 19th May

Jupiter	Charlie Hagel Macy Renwick (5/5/17)
Neptune	Dylan Craggs
Saturn	Ruvarshe Ngwenya
Mercury	Louise Weatherall
Pluto	Riley Kitching
Sportsperson of the week	Sam Miller
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Alex Smithson

Attendance

Jupiter	98.9
Neptune	100
Saturn	91.4
Mercury	89.4
Pluto	83.6

Saturn class worship

Thank you to those parents, family members and members of St.Mary's congregation who joined us in worship yesterday led by Saturn class. Another lovely occasion for our community to worship together.

Church – Wednesday 24th May

Next Wednesday we are attending the Wednesday morning service at St. Marys – 9.30a.m. All parents and family members are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reach for the beach - Outdoor Festival 2017

Along with this week's newsletter your child has brought home a leaflet about this festival which includes lots of free events over half-term.

Friday 26th May – non-uniform day

Children are invited to wear non-uniform next Friday for a donation of £1 to School Fund.

Take delight in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart Psalms 37:4 The theme of our Collective Worship this week has been The Bible Psalms - Shouts of joy to God!

Sporting activity

Last week a number of our KS2 children represented our school at local sporting events. On Wednesday a group of Y4 children took part in a football tournament at Cotsford Junior School. They played four games and worked really well as a team showing resilience and determination – some really promising players for Y5 and Y6 teams.

On Thursday a group of Y3 children, accompanied by Mrs Wray, took part in a tennis festival at Peterlee Leisure Centre. They played very well and came third within their group. Well done to all involved – not only did you develop many skills you were all great ambassadors for our school with your behaviour and attitudes. Mrs Swift

Pluto class visit to Church of the Ascension

Last week our youngest children in Pluto class visited the Church of the Ascension in Easington Colliery. During their visit Rev'd Kate showed them the differences and similarities between this church and St. Mary's. The children also had the opportunity to look closely at items that are used in church such as the chalice and vestments. Thank you Rev Kate for helping our children during their visit.

“Au revoir” to Marielle

Yesterday was the last visit of Marielle, our French language assistant. Marielle has brought great joy and a wonderful firsthand experience of the French language to our children. We wish her well as she returns to France. We are hoping to be part of this Peterlee Partnership Teaching School Alliance project again next year.

Eco Group visit to pond

Yesterday our Eco group and Ms Lilly visited our “adopted” pond in Easington Colliery nature reserve. We held a competition in school to name the pond – our pond is to be called “The pond of life” which was chosen by Amelia Dawes. Yesterday the group enjoyed a butterfly hunt.

School Sports Afternoon - Wednesday 25th May

Weather permitting (we will text if the event is cancelled), we would like to invite you to our Whole School Sports Afternoon. Parents are asked to wait on our school yard at 1.45p.m until a member of staff invites you to join our children on our school field. We want everyone to enjoy this school community event and ask that parents allow our staff to accompany children from one activity to another. After our children have taken part in a number of activities we will have a number of “races”. During the races we ask that parents remain on the side of the track near school and children will sit on the opposite side. Children must remain under the supervision of school staff throughout the event. Please note there will not be access into our school building during this event. Thank you for your cooperation.

SIAMs

Today each child has brought home a letter celebrating our OUTSTANDING SIAMS report. A copy of this letter along with the report is available on our web site. We are planning an afternoon of fun for our children next Friday afternoon to celebrate this amazing achievement.

trust, thankfulness, hope, friendship, forgiveness



Christian Aid Week
14-20 May 2017



We had a very special day on Tuesday to raise money for Christian Aid. With the help of a class of Y9 students from Easington Academy and Mr Jon Gregory, Head of RE, we were able to think about how difficult life must be for refugees as they move from one country to another looking for safety.

Our day began with Collective Worship led by Emma, a Christian Aid worker, who talked to us about what life must be like for refugees. After that the students worked with each class to help them understand what it is like to be a refugee.

At break we enjoyed hot chocolate and biscuits – thank you to those who donated to Christian Aid. Altogether your donations raised £120.

Rev'd Kate set up a "pop-up" Prayer Space in our hall for children to use throughout the day.

A huge thank you, again, to Mr Gregory and students from Easington Academy who gave their time to help our children develop their knowledge of refugees and the difficulties they face. Thank you also to Rev'd Kate and Emma who led us in worship.



Please thank your staff and students for the excellent response and involvement on the theme of refugees today. Our pupils all enjoyed it immensely and were impressed with their experience.

Mr Gregory Easington Academy

Thank you for inviting me to be part of your Christian Aid Collective Worship, it was amazing!

A special well done to all the children who took part and sang their hearts out, participated fully and responded positively to such a thought provoking topic.

I had the pleasure to tour the classrooms afterwards to see what individual classes were doing. Year 9 children from The Academy were very engaging and all of the children were entering into conversation and questions around refugees with them. A lovely collaboration between schools.

I know I'm a Governor here and love our school already, but to be able to be part of this event and see what all of our children do in partnership with other schools and organisations is brilliant and makes me proud of our 'little' school community even more.

Cllr Surtees

