



# Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled Friday 21st October 2016



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

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	School re-opens
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	All Souls (service of remembrance) 7.30p.m. St. Mary's
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Mr Appleby's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m.
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Family Communion St. Mary's 4p.m.
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday Communion 9.30a.m.
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parental Consultation meetings YR/2/4/6
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parental Consultation meetings Y1/3/5
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Church 9.30a.m. – all parents and families welcome
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Miss Wiseman's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
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.
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.

### Star Pupils

Mrs Appleby Jupiter	Jack Davidson
Miss Swan/Mrs Hetherington's Neptune	Katie Brown
Mr Appleby Saturn	Izzy Rutherford
Miss Wiseman Mercury	Joshua Lawson
Ms Lilley Pluto	Ellie Palmer
Sportsperson of the week	Ollie Francis
Writer of the week	Mille Weatherall
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Elise Embleton
Pupils Pupil	Harry Armstrong / Lois Watt

### Attendance

Jupiter	94.6
Neptune	90.0
Saturn	94.0
Mercury	88.2
Pluto	98.0

### A message from Durham LA for Y6 parents

If you have not already made an application for your child's Secondary School Placement in 2017, please be aware that the closing date for applications is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016. To ensure your child has the best possible chance of gaining a place at your preferred school then you must ensure you apply before the closing date. Please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) to make your application. If you have already applied for a secondary school place then you can ignore this message.

### Homework

After half-term we are going to trail a different approach to homework. This is response to parental requests and complaints! Our new approach will be outlined in our next newsletter.

### Writing Challenge

Congratulations to Maddie Atkinson who was the winner of Mrs Swifts writing challenge. Cllr Surtees loved Maddie's letter and she has received 'The Scarecrows Wedding' book as a prize.

*Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 106:1*

This week in school we having been saying "thank you" to God for all that he gives us at Harvest. We also looked a the Jewish Festival of Sukkot which is a time of thankfulness. One of our school values is "thankfulness". In school we have many things to be thankful for including:

### Thank you 1 - Sponsored Run

A huge thank you to those who sent sponsor money into school following our recent Sponsored Run. We raised an amazing £310.00 This money will be put into our School Fund which is used to support the costs of visits and visitors and to purchase equipment for our children.

### Thank you 2 - Wizard of Oz Production

We all enjoyed the visit of the Theatre Group which performed the Wizard of Oz yesterday. Thank you to the generosity of parents for making this experience for our children possible.

### Thank you 3 - Harvest Gift Day

Thank you, on behalf of the FEED project, for your gifts to our local Food Bank. You have made a difference to the lives of others. Another of our school values is "hope" – through your gifts you have given hope to others. Thank you to those parents and family members who attended church and recorded their reflections in our Reflection book. With our SIAMs (church School) inspection expected this year this is so helpful in showing the impact of Collective Worship on our school community.

### Thank you 4 – Celebration Worship

Thank you to parents and family members who joined us today – another opportunity for our school community to worship together this week. We also enjoyed sharing our achievements with you.

### Thank you 5 – Improving lateness

Thank you for ensuring your child is in school on time.

### 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 3<sup>1st</sup> 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.

### Football

On Thursday the Boy's Football Team took part in the Eden Colliery Cup Final at Chester-Le-Street. The competition is for school's that have less than 100 pupils in KS2. The boys were absolutely amazing as they have been all season and finished second out of four, only missing out on 1<sup>st</sup> place on goal difference. The teamwork, commitment and passion the boy's showed last night was simply exceptional and I was very proud of them all. A great achievement boys. Well done.

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## Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan’s Purse

Operation Christmas child is the world’s largest children’s Christmas project run by the Christian Relief and Development Organisation – Samaritan’s Purse. This year we have decided to support this worthwhile cause. If you would like to would like to fill a shoe box for a child for Christmas please ensure it is brought into school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November – the boxes will then be delivered to a drop-off point. Each child has been given a leaflet with instructions of how to fill a Christmas box. There is also further information on the web site [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

## Messages from our Governing Body

On Wednesday we had the first meeting of our full Governing Body. I am delighted to say that we welcomed three new Governors: Miss Claire Mitchell and Miss Sarah Taylor both new parent Governors and Mr Mark Robson a new co-opted Governor. I know our three new Governors will bring new skills to complement the skills of our existing Governing Body. During the meeting I presented my Head Teachers report which outlines the progress we have made in school since the last full Governing Body meeting which was held in July.

Our Finance and Premises committee have met this half-term. The committee reviewed our current budget position and were updated with the progress being made with our perimeter fence. A Heritage Statement has been written to sit alongside our Planning Application - we hope to hear the outcome of this application after the half-term break.

Our Personnel Committee met recently and adopted a number of new policies regarding staffing. They also discussed our current staffing structure.

Mrs Swift – Head Teacher

## SCITT PE training

On Monday Mr Robertson led a training session for 20 SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) students from Shotton Hall Academy. As part of the training Miss Swan/Mrs Hetherington’s class demonstrated their rugby skills and were super ambassadors for our school – both in with their behaviour and their abilities. The training was very well received and the feedback was very complementary. We hope to further develop our relationship with Shotton Hall SCITT in the future.

## Meccano Competition

On Wednesday the children from Meccano Club represented our school at the yearly Meccano competition at Shildon Railway Museum. The children got to take part in lots of activities and go inside different steam trains. Unfortunately we did not win this year but the children still made some excellent models which were displayed for everyone to see. Each school had their own competition and the prizes were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Arthur Golden-Shillaw (Pit Pony)

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Valentine Cooper, Owen Brightwell and Charlie Hagel (Pit Head Gear)

3rd place Ronnie Hutton, Alex Smithson and Sam Miller (old fashioned car)

A big well done to all of Meccano club for all of your hard work this half term and for representing our school so well at the competition

Mr Appleby

## 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:

Tel: 0191 586 7396

And finally

School close today for the half-term break and re-opens on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. We hope you and your family enjoy the break.