



# Easington Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015



## Dates for your diary – details to follow

Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closes for half-term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School reopens
throughout June	assessments for all year groups
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leavers Service at Durham Cathedral – parents and families welcome
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Cinema evening in aid of School Funds
w.b. Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 phonics screening
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June	9.10 a.m. Y3/4 class worship - Y3 parents invited
throughout June	assessments for all year groups
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30a.m. church – parents and families welcome
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July	9.10 a.m. Y5/6 class worship - Y5 parents invited
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Peterlee Partnership Festival
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 residential visit to Lockerbie
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30 p.m. Y6 Leaver's Service St. Mary's – new event parents and families welcome
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer break
<i>Please note Leave of Absence requests will not be authorised during Statutory Assessment weeks. We also recommend that children are not taken out of school in the run up to these dates.</i>	

## Star Pupils

Year Reception	Beth Irving
Year One	Oakley Nicholson / Olivia Snowdon
Year Two	Lucas Wilkes
Year Three	Ava Keegan
Year Four	Owen Richardson
Year Five	Millie Gibson
Year Six	Harvey Ryder
Pupils' pupils	William Thubron / Ava Keegan
House Team of the Week	Bede
House Team of the Half Term	Oswald
<b>Sportsperson of the week</b>	<b>Mrs Swift's Special Book</b>
The Girls Football Team	Noah Fenwick
<b>Attendance week ending Friday</b>	
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>93.45</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>97.42</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>91.03</b>
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>94.17</b>

## E-safety

Please see overleaf for an e-safety message from NSPCC.

## Cleaner vacancy

Our Governing Body is currently advertising for a cleaner to start in September. This position had been created as a result of our extension. The advert can be found on the North East Jobs website

<https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Cleaner/139333>. Further details about the position are available from Mrs Swift and application forms from Mrs Bowden-Stoker via our school office.

*"We saw his glory, the glory of the one and only, full of Grace and truth who came from the Father" John 1:14*

## Hair

Please can we remind parents of children with long hair that we expect hair to be tied up at school. This not only looks tidy but helps to prevent the spread of headlice. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Attendance - a reminder

Persistent absence is currently any pupil that has 85% attendance or less. From September 2015 the Department for Education is raising the persistent absence figure from 85% to 90%. This will mean that a child who is absent for 7 sessions (a morning **or** an afternoon counts as one session) or more over a **half term** period will be classed as persistently absent. At this point any absence remains unauthorised unless medical evidence is available.

Children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays.

## Ms Lilley's class "Outdoor Activities Morning"

We would like to invite parents of children in Ms Lilley's class (YR/1) into school during the morning of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June to enjoy an outdoor activities morning. This activity is being organised by Miss Rowbotham, our PE and Sport Apprentice, as part of her apprenticeship. Further details will follow.

## Christian Aid week

Thank you to those who supported our fundraising efforts on Friday by buying a "cow pat" cookie. We raised £60.60 which has been donated to Christian Aid who work globally for profound change to eradicate the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality.

## Snack

Just to remind you that children are only allowed to bring fruit and vegetables into school for a mid morning snack. Other items will taken from children and returned at the end of the day.

## Half-term

School closes today for the half-term break. School re-opens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## Building update

Week five of our building work has seen:

- The timber frame erected for our new classroom
- The hall was demolished and brickwork commenced

*If you have any queries about the content of this newsletter please ask. Please make an appointment to speak with class teachers in the first instance. Thank you.*





## **An e-safety message from NSPCC - Do You Really Know Who Your Children Are Talking to Online?**

Chances are that if you have a child approaching their 'tweens' they will soon be clamouring for a) a mobile phone b) a social media account c) a games console - all of which could enable them to chat to complete strangers anywhere in the world.

The days of a family PC in the corner of the living room are long gone. Most of us carry the internet in our pockets these days so it's not surprising that our children want the same easy access. And once children get to nine or 10 years old they are in any case eager to go online and chat to their friends without a parent watching over their shoulder.

However, according to Ofcom, one in ten children aged 8-11 who go online say they have seen something in the past year that was worrying, nasty or offensive.

We all want to keep children safe online and many parents will at some point take action, like installing filters on their home broadband to stop children seeing unsuitable material. But filters don't protect children from strangers contacting them through social media, mobile apps, or online games.

The NSPCC wants to see all online accounts for under-16s set up to block messages from strangers, prevent users making their location or contact details public, set profiles as private by default on sign-up, and alert children to the risks if they choose make their profile public.

Until these steps are taken by industry we all have to be extra vigilant about children's safety. So it's essential to have regular chats with your children about what to do to keep themselves safe, and stress that it's ok to come to you for help.

The good news is that lots of parents are talking to children about online safety - since the NSPCC launched its latest online safety campaign in January around 400,000 parents have spoken with their children about the issue.

However, we're still concerned that some parents are missing out vital topics when they talk to their children about staying safe online.

For example, children have told us they want parents to talk about how to manage apps that track your location, but only one in five parents say they've covered this in online safety conversations.

And if parents aren't talking to children about things like location or privacy settings it can leave them at risk of online grooming. We've seen horrendous cases where offenders take a scattergun approach, targeting hundreds of children at a time online, often posing as another young person.

So we want all parents to make sure their online knowledge is up to date by checking out our updated Net Aware guide, published this week.

Among 12 sites that have now been added to the guide are Tapatalk and Pheed, which many parents may not be familiar with, plus well-known games like Call of Duty that allows users to chat online.

The guide now covers a total of 60 social networking sites, apps and games popular with children and is free to access at [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

The digital world is here to stay and it's our job to make sure the next generation take their first steps online safely; aware of the risks, but confident about how to get where they want to be, just as our parents once taught us how to cross the road.

Claire Lilley  
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