

Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled

NEWSLETTER 23rd October 2015

Dates for your diary – details to follow

Fri 23 rd Oct	School closes for half-term break
Mon 2 nd Nov	School re-opens
Mon 2 nd Nov	Y5/6 First Aid training
Wed 4 th Nov	Y3/4 visit to Picture the Poet Exhibition, Sunderland
Wed 4 th Nov	9.30 a.m. Whole school to St Mary's – families welcome
Wed 5 th Nov	Community Open Afternoon 2.30-3.30p.m.
Fri 6 th Nov	Family Friday
Mon 9 th Nov	Y5/6 Vue cinema Hartlepool visit
Tues 10 th Nov	Y3/4 Collective Worship -parents invited 9.15 a.m
Wed 18 th Nov	Parents Meeting re: Assessment 5p.m. Please note change of date from 03.12.15
Mon 23 rd Nov	Parental Consultation meetings YR/2/4/6
Tues 24 th Nov	Parental Consultation meetings Y1/3/5
Wed 25 th Nov	School Photographs please note change of date
w.b. 30 th Nov	Book Fair in School
Mon 30 th Nov	Biscuits on sale in aid of Toilet Twinning Project
Wed 2 nd Dec	9.30 a.m. Whole school to St Mary's – families welcome
Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Fayre 2.30p.m. School Hall
Mon 14 th Dec	YR/KS1 Nativity time TBC (p.m.)
Tues 15 th Dec	YR/KS1 Nativity time TBC (a.m.)
Date to be changed	Advent Service St. Mary's
Wed 16 th Dec	Pantomime visit
Thurs 17 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Thurs 17 th Dec	Discos – YR/1/2 4-5.15p.m. Y3/4/5/6 5.30-6.45p.m.
Fri 18 th Dec	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 18 th Dec	School closes for Christmas break

Star Pupils

Year Reception	Frankie Laight
Year One	Jay Paxton / Olivia Curtis-Dawson
Year Two	Ava Ruddell
Year Three	Lucas Wilkes
Year Four	Valentine Cooper
Year Five	Owen Brightwell
Year Six	Abigail Embleton
Sports Person of the week	Kaitlin Liddle
Pupils Pupil	Girls Netball Team Daniel Young

Mrs Swift's Special Book

Owen Richardson

Attendance week ending Friday

Class 1	92.31
Class 2	98.18
Class 3	96.55
Class 4	95.79

Poppies

After half-term some of our Y6 children will be selling poppies in aid of the British Legion – we ask for a minimum donation of 20p per poppy please. In order to raise further funds we have also been provided with a range of poppy items such as wristbands, hair clips and flexi rulers which are priced at 50p and £1.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. Matthew 25:35

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 fill a shoe box for a child for Christmas please ensure it is brought into school on Monday 9th 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

Sponsored Zumbathon

Thank you to those families who have sent sponsor money into school. We raised an amazing £450 so far This will go towards the purchase of our new dining tables.

Messages from our Governing Body

Earlier this half-term we met to share the findings of our recent OfSTED inspection. We are delighted with the report and thank all staff for their hard work and commitment to the children in our school. Our Finance and Premises committee have met twice this half-term. We have reviewed our new extension and made decisions on further spending. During half-term carpets will be fitted into all classes (apart from Ms Lilley's room where the carpet is in good condition) and our IT room to further improve our learning environment. Our Curriculum and Standards committee has met this term to evaluate our attainment in 2015 and to review our School Self Evaluation. One of their main concerns is parents who take their children on holiday in term time as this can have an impact of the learning outcomes of children (as these children miss learning time). Our Governing Body currently has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. When the skills audit of the existing Governing Body has been reviewed after half-term the position will be advertised via our newsletter. Mrs Humphries (Chair of Governors)

Non-uniform day

Thank you to those who made a donation today – we have raised £76.00 this will be put towards the cost of our new greenhouse (which we are hoping will be matched by the grant we received to run our Family Gardening Club).

Star Baker

Arthur Golden-Shilaw for hard work, excellent cookery skills and completing Wills cakes after he went home poorly.

Please see reverse of this week's newsletter for more news this week



Active Schools

Last week I was invited to London to become an Active Schools Ambassador. This invitation came via the Youth Sport Trust who recognise the work we do in school to ensure our children are active and was in partnership with Nike and The British Heart Foundation. I was one of only twelve Head Teachers in the country to be invited and was very proud to represent our school and our children. This is still much work to be done in this area and as a school we are looking into ways to ensure that more of our children are active for more of the school day. Startling research, funded by Nike, suggests that our children's life expectancy is less than their parents – this certainly made me stop and think. For further information please see www.designedtomove.org.uk Mrs Swift



Netball Festival

On Wednesday our Netball team took part in a Netball Festival at Easington Academy. They enjoyed meeting other children and developing their team skills – well done!

Gala Theatre visit

Also on Wednesday some of our KS2 children enjoyed a visit to the gala Theatre to see "Our teacher's a troll". This was enjoyed by all and although there were only two actors performing the story was told very effectively. Our children were the only audience members in a small studio theatre which made the experience even more enjoyable.

Meccano Success!

Again on Wednesday (it was just one of those days!) a number of our Y4/5/6 children accompanied Mr Appleby to Locomotion, Shildon to compete in a Meccano competition. Throughout this half-term the children have worked after school on a Friday with Mr Appleby and two Meccano enthusiasts (Joe and Sally) who have volunteered their time to work with our children. Mr Appleby is delighted to announce that out of 12 schools participating that we won! An amazing effort to all children involved - a huge trophy for our school (now we just to buy a cabinet for all of our trophies to go in!)

Diocesan Conference (Durham and Newcastle)

Finally on Wednesday Rev'd Emma (one of our Foundation Governors) and I attended the annual Board of Education Diocesan conference. It gives us lots to reflect upon in our roles as leaders of a Church of England school – watch this space for further details.

Miss Wiseman's class collective worship

Thank you to those parents, families and members of St. Mary's congregation who joined with us to worship yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many people in our extended hall. Thank you also to those who provided feedback – this helps us to shape our future worship opportunities. Please remember that parents and families members are always welcome to join us when we worship at St. Mary's – details in the dates for your diary section.

Family Friday

Starting on Friday 6th November, we are going to hold "Family Friday" in school between 9-9.30a.m. on the first Friday in each month.

During this time we would like to invite you into your child's class to work alongside your child to complete an activity. We hope this will develop your understanding of the curriculum we are asked to teach and the methods we use to teach – as well as enjoy the activity with your child.

If you would like to join us on Friday please remain on the yard until all children are in school. A member of staff will then invite you into school.

Community Open Afternoon

We would like to invite members of our community to see our new facilities and have organised an Open Afternoon on Thursday 5th November between 2.30 and 3.30 p.m. – there is no need to let us know you are coming simply turn up on the day and we will be delighted to show you around. Please pass on this message to members of our community who may be interested – thank you.

School Council Competition

Following their recent meeting our School Council would like to launch a poster competition for the half-term holidays. They spent some time at their meeting talking around parking outside of school. The School Council would like the message of the posters to be about parking considerately and maybe considering walking to and from school to ease congestion at these busy times of day. A prize will be given to the best poster (as chosen by Mrs Humphries – our Chair of Governors) and this poster will be shared via our newsletter. All entries must be in school by Friday 6th November.

Half-term

A reminder that school closes today for the half-term break and re-opens again on Monday 2nd November.

Indoor and Outdoor PE Shoes

After half term please could children have a pair of trainers for indoor PE and a pair for outdoor. We would like to keep our new facilities as nice as possible and we hope this will help. Thank you for your cooperation.