



Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled Friday 24th March 2017



Dates for your diary – details to follow	
Mon 27 th Mar	Parental Consultation meetings
Tues 28 th Mar	Parental Consultation meetings
Fri 31 st Mar	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Mon 3 rd April	Lent Challenge activities Pluto class
Tues 4 th April	Lent Challenge activities Saturn class
Wed 5 th April	Lent Service St Mary's 2.15 p.m.
Wed 5 th April	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.
Wed 5 th April	Lent Challenge activities Mercury class
Thurs 6 th April	Ms Lilley's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m.
Thurs 6 th April	Lent Challenge activities Neptune class
Fri 7 th April	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play 9-10a.m.
Fri 7 th April	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 7 th April	Lent Challenge activities Jupiter class
Fri 7 th April	School closes for Easter break
Mon 24 th April	School re-opens for Summer Term for children
Throughout May	Assessment and testing for all year groups. Leave of Absence will not be granted
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday - school closed for children
Tues 2 nd May	PDDay - school closed for children
Fri 5 th May	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play 9-10a.m.
w.b. 8 th May	Y6 Statutory Testing week
Wed 10 th May	Cinema evening 4.45p.m.- 6p.m.
Thurs 18 th May	Mr Appleby's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m
Thurs 18 th May	Parents Curriculum Evening 5 p.m.
Thurs 18 th May	Miss Swan's/Mrs Hetherington's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 19 th May	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families 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

Star Pupils

Jupiter	Aaron Hall
Neptune	Will Thubron
Saturn	Katie Stirman
Mercury	Mercury Class
Pluto	Riley Kitching
Writer of the week	Ava Ruddel
Sportsperson of the week	Neptune Class
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Amelia West

Attendance

Jupiter	100
Neptune	100
Saturn	98.2
Mercury	93.3
Pluto	100

Easter fundraising

This year we will not be holding an "Eggbola" as in previous years. This year we will instead be raffling three sets of 6 Easter cupcakes. More details and raffle tickets will follow on next week's newsletter. This fundraising for our School Fund will coincide with our Lent Challenge activities.

Mr Appleby's NPQSL success

Last week Mr Appleby was informed that he has gained his NPQSL (National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership). This is great achievement for Mr Appleby. Mr Appleby's piece of work for the qualification focussed on Pupil Voice in school - an area which I'm sure you'll agree has really developed in school recently and has made a significant impact in our school. Mrs Swift

You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your gentleness made me great
2 Samuel 22:36 The theme of our Collective Worship continues to be the Fruit of the Spirit. This week we have thought about gentleness.

Cloud visit – Monday 20th March

On Monday it was a privilege to welcome Cloud from the NE Sikh Service into school. During the day he spent time in every class answering questions about his faith and many other things. He was very honest about his beliefs and allowed our children to learn more and understand better about the Sikh religion. Thank you Cloud for giving your time to spend with our children, Mrs Swift.

Mrs Swift's Lent Challenge

At the request of Miss Wiseman and Mr Appleby the dates for their class "enterprise" has been swapped – please see below for new timetable. More details will be available nearer the time:

- Monday 3rd April Pluto class
- Tuesday 4th April **Saturn class**
- Wednesday 5th April **Mercury class**
- Thursday 6th April Neptune class
- Friday 7th April Jupiter class – this will be just after Family Friday/stay and Play event.

Red Nose Day – Friday 24th

Thank you to those families who supported our fundraising efforts today. Through wearing something red and buying red nose biscuits we raised £161.11



Gameplan

Our school has been given the opportunity to use Gameplan, an educational resource designed by King's College London. www.gameplan.ac.uk is a free games-based website that allows 10-14 year olds and their parents to explore university. Using games, videos and animations, the site offers children and parents advice and guidance on how to access highly selective universities. King's College London is ranked in the top 25 universities in the world, and it is hoped that Gameplan provides a free and easy way to introduce children to such prestigious universities.

Credit Union Savings scheme

We are hoping to establish a savings scheme for children in school. We are looking for a volunteer who on a weekly basis would be able to come into school to collect money from the children. If you think you would like to volunteer for this role please contact Mrs Bowden-Stoker asap. Thank you.

Summer Fair change of date

Please note the date of our Summer Fair has been changed from Friday 14th July to Friday 7th July.

Basketball competition

On Tuesday 9 of our children attended a Basketball competition. They showed great resilience and team work and enjoyed the competition.

trust, thankfulness, hope, friendship, forgiveness



Seaton Holme Car Park

I have been asked to remind parents and family members not to use Seaton Holme car park and the private road as a thoroughfare at the beginning and end of the school day. Seaton Holme will soon be erecting some signage to this effect. Thank you for your cooperation, Mrs Swift.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance Conference

Mr Appleby, Olivia and Miles (both Y5) attended the Durham LA Mutual Respect and Tolerance conference organised by Isobel Short. This was a wonderful event attended by over twenty schools and gave Olivia and Miles the opportunity to meet many new people. They spoke to people from different religions and faith groups and found out more about their beliefs. Some people brought some artefacts from their faith to share which Olivia and Miles really enjoyed. During the morning there was a panel activity where children posed questions to some of the people from different religions and faith groups – the questions were “big” questions: What do you think happens when you die? Why do you think children should learn more about different religions?

During the afternoon Olivia and Miles made a Peace Mala bracelet. Peace Mala focuses on the Golden Rule: *"Treat others as you would wish them to treat you"*. Its intention is to educate and remind everyone that this rule is recognised by many scholars, teachers and philosophers. A Peace Mala is a double rainbow symbolic bracelet that promotes friendship, respect and peace between the faiths and all people in our world. It cuts through all forms of prejudice and celebrates what makes us different from each other. It is a vision for the future -wearing the Peace Mala is a promise to help create a better world.



Olivia and Miles came back to school full of ideas about how their day could be shared with other children. Watch this space.....

Someone special lunch

Thank you to those who joined us for lunch on Wednesday. It is a lovely event and I'm sure you'll agree lunch was delicious! Thank you to Mrs Robson, our school cook, for ensuring so many people were able to enjoy lunch in school. Mrs Swift

Mercury Class Collective Worship

Thank you to those parents and family members who joined us for Collective Worship yesterday led by Mercury class. It was lovely to see you in school. Thank you also for the kind comments you wrote on your evaluation forms. We have placed these in our Collective Worship reflections book

Fit Blast and Tri Golf sessions

Last week Neptune class enjoyed a Fit Blast session in school. This week Jupiter and Neptune class enjoyed Tri-golf sessions. We are also looking to offer different sporting opportunities for our children. We are going to evaluate these sessions with the children who tried them and maybe offer them as an after school activity in the summer term.

RRSA House Team Morning Thursday 17th March

After a whole school assembly led by Mr Appleby and the RRSA Steering Group, which introduced the children to the RRSA award and specific articles from the Convention, House Team Captains chose a 'right' for their team to learn about in the upcoming House Team Day. The choices were:

Article 19 – Children have the right to be kept safe from violence, abuse and neglect

Article 24 – Children have the right to the best possible healthcare, clean water and nutritious food

Article 28 – Children have the right to an education

Article 29 – Children have the right to develop their abilities and talents and to respect people

Jenny chose Article 19 for Aidan team, Katie chose Article 28 for Bede team, Charlie chose Article 29 for Cuthbert team and Kayne chose Article 24 for Oswald team.

On Thursday 16th March the children got into their House Teams and learnt about their 'right' in more detail.

Activities varied from creating posters, watching video clips, designing recipes, making safety circles, singing songs and lots more. All teachers commented that children were highly engaged all morning and found the work about children's rights interesting and relevant to them. Children also commented how much they had enjoyed the morning.

On Friday 17th March in Celebration Worship, each team captain had the responsibility of feeding back what they and the rest of their team had learnt about their Article (right). They did this in a very mature and effective way so that the whole school gained an insight into all four articles.

Evidence of the fantastic work completed that day can be seen in our RRSA Book. All staff and children really felt it was a great stepping stone on our RRSA journey and we are planning to do more activities like this in the summer term. Mr Appleby RRSA Co-ordinator

