

Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled Friday 25th November 2016

0Dates for your diary Autumn Term 2016 – details to follow

Thurs 1 st Dec	Parents Curriculum Evening 5p.m.
Fri 2 nd Dec	Family Friday./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class
Sat 3 rd Dec	St. Mary's Christmas Fair 11a.m.-1p.m. St. Mary's Hall
Sun 4 th Dec	Messy Church St. Mary's 4p.m.
Mon 5 th Dec	Non-uniform day in aid of Fair Tombola donations
Thurs 8 th Dec	Ms Lilley's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 9 th Dec	Christmas Fair 2.30p.m. School Hall
Mon 12 th Dec	YR KS1 Nativity time to be confirmed PM
Tues 13 th Dec	YR KS1 Nativity time to be confirmed AM
Wed 14 th Dec	Advent Service St. Mary's 2.15p.m. All welcome
Wed 14 th Dec	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.
Fri 16 th Dec	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 16 th Dec	School closes for Christmas break
Sun 18 th Dec	Nine lessons and carols St. Mary's 7p.m
Fri 24 th Dec	Christingle St. Mary's 6p.m. Midnight communion by candlelight St. Mary's 11.30p.m.

Spring Term 2017

Mon 2 nd Jan	Bank Holiday - school closed for children
Tues 3 rd Jan	PDDay- school closed for children
Wed 4 th Jan	School re-opens for Spring Term
Fri 6 th Jan	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m.
Thurs 19 th Jan	Mrs Appleby's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 27 th Jan	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Fri 3 rd Feb	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m.
Tues 7 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 8 th Feb	Cinema evening 4.45p.m. - 6p.m.
Thurs 9 th Feb	Mr Appleby's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Thurs 9 th Feb	Parents Curriculum Evening 5 p.m.
Thurs 16 th Feb	Bend the Rules day
Fri 17 th Feb	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Fri 17 th Feb	School closes for half-term break

Star Pupils

Mrs Appleby Jupiter	Poppy Watt
Miss Swan/Mrs Hetherington's Neptune	Zach Cummings
Mr Appleby Saturn	Oakley Nicholson
Miss Wiseman Mercury	Lilly Haddick
Ms Lilley Pluto	Alex Bedding
Writer of the week	Zach Cummings
Sportsperson of the week	Ethan Germain
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Katie Alcock
Pupils Pupil	Austin Graham / Niall Halliday

Attendance

Jupiter	95.8
Neptune	97.5
Saturn	98.0
Mercury	94.1
Pluto	94.3

St. Mary's Church Christmas Fair and Design a Christmas Card Competition

St. Mary's Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 3rd December 11a.m. - 1 p.m. St. Mary's are running a Design a Christmas Card competition for age categories under 4s, 4-7 years and 8-11 years. Please send entries into school to be passed to Mrs Dodds by Thursday 2nd December. Winners will be announced during the Fair.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me John 10:14 The theme of our Collective this week has been Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Governing Body

Please find below a list of our Governors and their designation. Further information about our Governing Body can be found on our web site <http://www.easington-pri.durham.sch.uk/about-us/our-governing-body> As always Governors can be contacted via our school office.

Mrs L Dodds – Foundation	Miss C Mitchell – Parent
Mrs A Swift – Head Teacher	Mr J Appleby – Staff
Rev'd E Parker – Foundation	Mr M Robson – Co-opted
Mr W Smithson – Foundation	Mr C Saville – Co-opted
Cllr A Surtees – Local Authority	Mrs R Humphries – Co-opted
Mrs S Brennan – Parent	Vacancy – Co-opted
Miss S Taylor – Parent	

Inter faith week

Last week we invited Mr Gregory, Head of RE from Easington Academy into school to share artefacts from different religions with our children. Mr Gregory was accompanied by four students who supported our children throughout the day. Following the day Mr Gregory emailed and I wanted to share his words with you:

I wanted to write and tell you how much we enjoyed being with you all yesterday. You have a wonderful school community with lovely enthusiastic pupils and professional staff. Thank you and your staff for making us all feel welcome and looking after us. The lunch was great. If you need anything in the future please let me know. Mr Gregory.

Thank you to Mr Gregory and the students for making this activity possible. Mrs Swift

Parent Questionnaires

Along with this week's newsletter (or if you attended our Celebration Worship today – thank you) your child will bring home two questionnaires – our annual Parent Questionnaire and a questionnaire linked to Church School life. I would be very grateful if you could spend some time completing both of these questionnaires and return them to school by Friday 2nd December. We use the information we receive to celebrate what is working well and to consider what the next steps are to further improve our school. I will provide a summary of questionnaire outcomes before the end of term. Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Swift

Scholastic Book Fair

Just a reminder that our Book Fair is now in school and will be open at the following times:

- Tuesday 29th November 8.30-9.00am
- Tuesday 29th November 3.30-4.00pm
- Thursday 1st December 8.30 – 9.00am

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Parents curriculum meeting – Thursday 1st December 5p.m

We would like to invite parents to our next curriculum Parents meeting on Thursday 1st December. At this meeting we will be sharing how we promote equality and fairness through our involvement with the Educate and Celebrate programme. Please complete the slip below to indicate whether you will be attending this meeting and return to school by Tuesday 29th November – thank you.

Non-uniform day – Monday 5th December 2016

As last year we will be having a **non uniform day** on Monday 5th December for contributions to our bottle tombola. There will be some tables outside of our school office where bottle donations should be placed. This stall was a huge success last year due to your generous donations.

Ashwood Park Care home – Christmas Fayre

Our FROG group have asked me to pass on the message that Ashwood Park are holding an Indoor Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November 10a.m. -2 p.m. Mrs Swift.

Mercury Class St. Mary's visit

On Tuesday Miss Wiseman's class visited St. Mary's church as part of their learning in RE. While they were there they explored the different parts of the church and learnt more about the furniture and fittings in the church. I received a lovely email from Rev'd Emma following their visit:

I just wanted to say how wonderful Miss Wiseman's class were this morning. They spent about 45 minutes in church and their behaviour was excellent - they sat and listened, and they asked really interesting questions. We even found some of the children's names in the baptism register and I think that was very special to those children and the rest of the class (who now all want their name in the baptism register!). Wonderful :)

Well done Mercury class for such wonderful behaviour and curiosity! Mrs Swift

EGT change of date

Due to our Y5/6 residential visit, the date of our Easington's Got Talent final has been changed to Wednesday 21st June.

FROG group Hot chocolate and cookie sale – Friday 2nd December

On Monday 5th December at morning break time our FROG group will be selling hot chocolate (with marshmallows!) and a cookie at a cost of £1.50. All proceeds will go towards the Lesotho Link organised by Durham Diocese to strengthen our children's understanding of global Christianity. The Durham Lesotho LINK was established in 1986 as a partnership between the two dioceses of Lesotho and Durham, with a strong developmental element at its heart. It has initiated a wide range of projects, always aiming to make a difference in the lives of the people at both ends of the LINK. The LINK functions as a window on the world, giving a focussed and more personal angle on developing world issues such as poverty, climate change, inequality, dependency, AIDS and on Christianity in the developing world. Past projects include:

- Building a community health centre and a community education centre
- A large scale forestry programme
- A micro enterprise loans scheme to help start small businesses
- Poultry units for 20 schools in Lesotho
- Training projects in outdoor activities for disadvantaged young people
- Exchange programmes, visits, scholarships and training programmes
- Containers of resources to support LINK initiatives
- Assisting in the establishment and operation of two orphanages

Please send money into school with your child on the day. Further information about the Durham Lesotho link can be found here <http://www.durham-lesotholink.org.uk>

House Team morning

Yesterday our children enjoyed a House Team morning – this is where children from YR-Y6 work with other House Team members in a session led by teachers. The theme of yesterday's session was "Design your perfect playground". Children of all ages came up with some wonderful (and weird) ideas of what our playground should look like (if only we had the money!)

As always it was wonderful to see our children working together in partnership – older children supporting younger children and everyone getting along with one another.

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Educate and Celebrate Curriculum meeting for parents – Thursday 1st December 5 p.m.

I/we (please delete) will/will not (please delete) be attending the Educate and Celebrate curriculum Parents meeting on Thursday 1st December

Name of child(ren)

Signed:

Date: