



# Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017



## Dates for your diary – details to follow

Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half-term break
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 leavers service at Durham Cathedral
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Afternoon for prospective parents and children
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Jupiter class visit
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play 9-10a.m.
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Neptune class visit
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Confirmation service St. Mary's 7.30p.m. all welcome
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Pluto class Collective Worship 9.15a.m.
15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 Beamish Residential
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for September 2017 new YR parents 5.30p.m.
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Church 9.30 a.m. – all welcome
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Easington's Got Talent final 5 p.m.
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Jupiter class Collective Worship 9.15a.m
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. all welcome
28-30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 London visit
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 transition day Easington Academy
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Children's Festival day at Hesleden Primary- whole school visit
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Miss Wiseman's class Collective Worship 9.15
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play 9-10a.m.
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Easington Pride - Dare to be Different
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre 2.30p.m. School Hall
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Music concert for parents and families led by children 2.30p.m.
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Reports to parents
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 leavers service St. Mary's 2.15p.m
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School closes for summer break
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PDDay – school closed to children
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	School re-opens for Autumn Term 2017

## Star Pupils Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Jupiter	Thomas Ashcroft
Neptune	Niall Halliday
Saturn	James Weatherall
Mercury	Joshua Lawson
Pluto	Layla Burnip
Sportsperson of the week	Owen Richardson
Pupils Pupil	Macy Renwick
Pupils Pupil w/c15/5/17	Joseph Short / Jay Cummings
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Ellie Palmer

## Attendance

Jupiter	86.7
Neptune	97.4
Saturn	95.2
Mercury	93.5
Pluto	99.1

## Peer Review – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June

As part of our Peer Review this year we would like to invite a group of parents into school to speak to our reviewers about reading in our school. This will take place at 9.00am for 15mins. If you are able to speak to our reviewers I would be very grateful if you could let us know by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you. Mrs Swift

## Whole School Sports Afternoon

Thank you to those parents and family members who joined us for our annual Sports afternoon on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed watching our children demonstrating their skills and competing in races. This is just one of the many sporting events, both in and out of school, we encourage our children to participate in.

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." Matthew 11 :25 The theme of our Collective Worship this week has been The New Testament – A biography of Christ

## Our Governing Body

As three parents volunteered to fill the three parent governor vacancies an election was not necessary - our new parent governors are Mrs Stirman, Mr Lawton and Mrs Stobart. We also welcome Cloud Singh as a co-opted Governor and Mrs Appleby as an Associate Governor. Our Governing Body membership and designations can be found below:

Foundation (3)	Parent (4)	Staff (1)
Emma Parker Bill Smithson Loraine Dodds	Vanessa Stobart Rachel Stirman Dave Lawton Claire Mitchell	John Appleby
Co-opted (4)	Local Authority(1)	Associate
Mark Robson Chris Saville Cloud Singh Rita Humphries	Angela Surtees Head Teacher Andrea Swift	Alison Bowden-Stoker Linzi Atkinson Sarah Appleby

## Family Friday – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

We look forward to welcoming parents and family members into school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June for our next Family Friday/Stay and Play event. We ask that parents and family members wait on the school yard until invited into school – it is always very busy at this time of the day.

## Frozen Fridays

Starting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June we will be selling ice-lollies at playtime for 50p. All profits will be out into our School Fund.

## Rugby

On Saturday Mr Robertson and a number of Y3/4 children took part in a game of rugby at St. James Park, Newcastle during half-time of the game between Leigh and Salford. The children showed great confidence and enjoyed the experience in front of thousands of fans. Thank you to Mr Robertson for giving his time to accompany our children on the day and to Mrs Bowden-Stoker who liaised with Peterlee Pumas to organise this a activity for our children.

## Parent View [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

Parent View is a mechanism for OfSTED to gauge parental views on their child's school. Following such positive feedback this year after both parental questionnaires and such amazing comments from parents during and after our "outstanding" SIAMs inspection, please can I ask that parents take a couple of minutes to complete this on-line survey. This is a public site which gives potential new parents and children an impression of our school. Thank you, Mrs Swift.

## Open Afternoon - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 1.15-2.45 p.m. and 4-5 p.m

Please continue to spread the word about our open afternoon. We still have places in Year Reception for September 2017 – please share this with parents and families who may not have applied for our school. Thank you.



## Sun cream/lotion

When the weather is hot and sunny suncream/lotion should be applied at home before children come to school – 50+ all day lotion is ideal. Please do not send suncream/lotion into school – thank you.

## SIAMs celebration

To celebrate our amazing SIAMs inspection and report, this afternoon (following suggestions from children) we all enjoyed ice-cream and fun and games on our school field.

## Press coverage

You may have noticed our school in the press (again) this week following our “outstanding” SIAMs report. Unfortunately the Northern Echo reported on-line that our OfSTED inspection was “outstanding” – I have contacted the newspaper to point out their error – Mrs Swift

## Speaking with staff before and at the end of the school day

A reminder that if you wish to speak with a member of staff for an extended period of time (e.g. not just a brief message) please make an appointment via our school office. On a morning staff are responsible for bringing children into school safely and at the end of the school day staff are responsible for dismissing children safely. Please do not put the safety of our children at risk by interrupting staff during these times. Thank you for your cooperation, Mrs Swift.

## Hair styles in school

A reminder that we expect all children with long hair to tie their hair back for school. We also expect children to come to school with appropriate hairstyles – without patterns or current “trendy” styles. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our children are so smart and well presented.

## Half-term break

School closes today - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May for the half-term break and reopens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We hope you and your family have a restful and fun-filled break.

## Because Minding Matters workshop

On Monday our Y5 children took part in a Mental Health workshop. The aims of the workshop were:

- To de-stigmatise prevalent mental health disorders in children through increased engagement, fun and theatrical representation.
- To make children aware of the symptoms, characteristics and triggers of Anxiety, Depression and Self-Harm.
- To increase awareness of coping mechanisms and where and how they may get help and support.

Using puppets to represent each issue our Y5 children engaged with the topics, while key information about them was delivered and children actively participated in the workshop. As a school we want our children to understand these disorders, recognise and reflect on their own feelings, and to be able to apply their learning after the workshop in order to seek help and advice should they feel they need it.

## Festival of Languages

This morning I accompanied Ava, Alyssa and Max to a PPTSA (Peterlee Partnership Teaching School Alliance) Festival of Languages at Bede School, Peterlee. On arrival we were given a passport and spent the morning collecting “stamps” from a number of different countries whilst completing different activities and enjoying some food samples. Another wonderful opportunity for our children which was made possible by working together with other schools. Mrs Swift

## Safeguarding updates

- A reminder that a number of key and statutory policies including our Safeguarding and Behaviour policies can be found on our web site [www.easington-pri.durham.sch.uk](http://www.easington-pri.durham.sch.uk) Other policies can be made available on request via our school office.



## Share Aware campaign overview

To kids, online life is real life. And, just like in real life, kids need help to stay safe online.

Share Aware is an NSPCC and O2 campaign to help parents have regular and informed conversations with their child about online safety. We're aiming to get every family in the UK chatting about their kids' online world, just like they would about their day at school.

We tell children that's it's good to share, but online it's different and sometimes it can be dangerous. Through our straight-forward, step-by-step advice and Icebreaker email series, we'll show parents how to untangle the web and teach children how to make the right decisions online, even when parents aren't there.

- [Our new TV ad](#) – Safety advice from a 10 year old
- [Icebreakers email series](#) – We've teamed up with O2 to create a bespoke email series full of tips and information on different issues eg cyberbullying and inappropriate content, with activities parents can complete with their child.
- [Family agreements](#) – We have created a downloadable family agreements document for families to complete and fill in together.
- [Share Aware homepage](#) - Read our step-by-step guide to being Share Aware and our TEAM (Talk, Explore, Manage, Agree) framework on how to stay safe online in four simple steps.
- [Net Aware](#) - Our guide to the most popular social networks sites, apps and games that children use. New sites such as [Musical.ly](#), [Kiwi](#) and [Pokemon Go](#) have been added this year, along with a [breaking news page](#) and top tips from O2 Gurus on blocking, private account settings or in-app purchases. The new Net Aware can be downloaded on both [iOS](#) and [Android](#).
- [Teaching resources](#) – Download Share Aware teaching resources for use in the classroom.
- [Specialised advice](#) - Advisors at our O2 & NSPCC Online Safety Helpline – 0808 800 5002 – are here to help with any questions, or anyone can make an appointment with a Guru in store.