

Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled
NEWSLETTER 27th November 2015

Dates for your diary – details to follow

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
Thurs 3 rd Dec	YR/1 visit to Baltic, Gateshead
Fri 4 th Dec	Family Friday 9 a.m.
Mon 7 th Dec	Non-uniform day in return for tombola donations – please note change of date from original letter
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.)
Wed 16 th Dec	Advent Service St. Mary's 11a.m.
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	Christmas party - non-uniform day
Fri 18 th Dec	School closes for Christmas break

Spring Term 2016

Mon 4 th Jan	PDDay - school closed for children
Tues 5 th Jan	School re-opens for Spring Term
Wed 13 th Jan	Y1/2 Collective Worship -parents invited 9.15 a.m.
Thurs 4 th Feb	Parents Curriculum Evening 5 p.m.
Thurs 11 th Feb	YR/1 Collective Worship -parents invited 9.15 a.m.
Thurs 11 th Feb	Cinema evening 5 p.m.
Fri 12 th Feb	Non uniform day in aid of School Fund
Fri 12 th Feb	School closes for half-term break
Mon 22 nd Feb	School re-opens
Fri 4 th March	Spring Coffee morning 10 a.m.
Mon 14 th Mar	Parental Consultation meetings YR/2/4/6
Tues 15 th Mar	Parental Consultation meetings Y1/3/5
Wed 16 th Mar	Y5/6 Collective Worship – parents invited 9.15 a.m.
Wed 23 rd Mar	Lent Service St Mary's 2.15 p.m.
Wed 23 rd Mar	Discos – YR/1/2 4-5.15p.m. Y3/4/5/6 5.30-6.45p.m.
Thurs 24 th Mar	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)

Star Pupils

Year Reception	Millie Weatherall
Year One	Lacey Brown/Leo Delanoy
Year Two	Zach Cummings
Year Three	Dylan Craggs
Year Four	Maks Smithson
Year Five	Erin Rowe
Year Six	Owen Barker
Sports Person of the week	Ella Mae Robinson Kayne Broad
Pupils pupil	Theo Bell / Frankie Laight
Writer of the week	James Hill

Mrs Swift's Special Book

Joseph Short

Attendance week ending Friday

Class 1	98.40
Class 2	98.12
Class 3	99.33
Class 4	96.00

Non-uniform day

Please note this day has been changed to Monday 7th December – children are asked to bring a bottle for our Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fayre in exchange for not wearing their uniform.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit Romans 15:13

Hope is another of our school values. Chat with your family this weekend about what you hope for.

A message from Durham LA - 2016 Reception intake

The application process for admission to the 2016 Reception intake closes on the 15 January 2016 and a significant number of pupils have still not made their application for a Reception school place (around 2000 across the county).

Parents can apply using the online admissions facility accessed via the council's website:

www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where the parent's guide "Primary School Admissions in County Durham 2016/2017" is also available. If parents do not wish to apply online they can complete a paper application form that can be printed off from the council's website and posted to us. Parents can also contact us by e-mail schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk or by telephone 03000 265 896 for an application form and the parent's guide. Please note that if you have any Nursery aged pupils who live in another local authority but attend your school, the parents should contact their Home Local Authority (i.e. the authority to which they pay their council tax) to request an application form, even if the parent would like to apply for a school in County Durham.

Parental Consultation meetings

Thank you to those who attended our meetings this week – this is such an important way of developing home/school links. Thank you also to those who did not bring children into school for these meetings (as requested on original letter) – as you will have seen we do not have the staffing to supervise nor space to accommodate children while these meetings take place. Mrs Swift

Parent and PE Questionnaires

Thank you to those who completed and returned PE and Parental Questionnaires. We are in the process of analysing the data and I will write to inform you of the outcomes in due course. Mrs Swift.

Family Friday – 4th December

We look forward to welcoming parents and grandparents into school on Friday for our next Family Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and family members to work alongside their children in school.

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.

More news overleaf.....



Toilet twinning – biscuit sale

Our FROG (Fully Rely On God) group has decided that they would like to twin one of our school toilets with a toilet in another country.

Toilet Twinning provides people in the poorest communities on the planet with a decent toilet, clean water and all the information they need to stay healthy. It's the key to helping whole communities break free of the poverty trap.

How does it work?

For just £60, you can twin your loo with a latrine halfway around the world, in a country of your choosing. For £240, you can twin with a school block.

Your smallest room becomes the proud owner of a personalised certificate, complete with a colour photo of its twin and GPS coordinates so you can look up your twin on Google Maps.

Your donation is used by Tearfund to provide clean water, basic sanitation, and hygiene education. This vital combination works together to prevent the spread of disease. Children are healthier, and able to go to school; parents are well enough to work their land and grow enough food to feed their family. With better health, and more ability to earn a living, men and women discover the potential that lies within them to bring transformation.

Family by family, community by community, nation by nation, we are flushing away poverty. For further information please visit <http://www.toilettwinning.org>

To raise funds for this project biscuits will be on sale on Monday costing 50p. Please send money into school on Monday.

Mr Robertson's Sponsored Run – in aid of purchasing more Computing equipment

I am taking part in a race at Cragside, Rothbury North Northumberland on 6th December. It is what's called a 'Trail Race/run' which means the terrain will be challenging and undulating, and probably 'cold'. The run will be in and around the Cragside Estate. Distance 10 mile, which if it was flat then okay, but there is no doubt it will be hilly. Rothbury is not a flat place. I would be grateful if you could sponsor me for this run – all funds raised will be used to purchase more Computing equipment for our children.

Name	Amount	Collected

Please send money into school by Thursday 10th December – thank you in advance for your support. Mr Robertson

Book Fayre

Please remember the Book Fayre is in school this week. We receive 100% in books on all sales – and many books are available. Please see letter sent home earlier this week for further details.

Friday 27th November 2.30 – 3.00pm

Tuesday 1st December 8.30-9.00am

Tuesday 1st December 3.30-4.00pm

Thursday 3rd December 8.30-9.00am

Muslim Chaplain from Durham university

Yesterday we had a visit from Sadia who is part of the Muslim chaplaincy at Durham University. She spent time in every class exploring the Islam faith with children who completed activities that had been prepared by Sadia. It was a privilege to have welcomed Sadia into school and she has helped us to further develop our understanding of Islam.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to those who have already volunteered their time to help with our Christmas Fayre on Friday 11 the December at 2.20p.m. We are still looking for one or two more helpers to look after a stall. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Please also note that we are not having a toy stall at our Christmas Fayre this year – we thought we would leave this until the new year when children have had the chance to sort out their “no-longer” wanted toys.

