



# Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017



**Dates for your diary – details to follow. Recent up dates have been italicised**

Throughout May	Assessment and testing for all year groups. Leave of Absence will not be granted
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday - school closed for children
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	PDDay - school closed for children
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Neptune class worship 9.15 a.m. – all welcome</i>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play 9-10a.m.
w.b. 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Statutory Testing week
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Cinema evening 4.45p.m.- 6p.m.
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Pluto class visit</i>
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Saturn class Collective Worship 9.15a.m
w.b. 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Christian Aid week</i>
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents Curriculum Evening 5 p.m.
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Jupiter class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. all welcome
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Sports Afternoon 1.45 p.m.
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
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	<i>Y6 leavers service at Durham Cathedral</i>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Jupiter class visit</i>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play 9-10a.m.
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Neptune class visit</i>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Confirmation service 7p.m. venue TBC</i>
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
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Easington's Got Talent final
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
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	Summer Fayre 2.30p.m. School Hall
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

### Star Pupils

Jupiter	Katie Alcock
Neptune	Sam Miller
Saturn	Joseph Short
Mercury	Frankie Laight
Pluto	Leon Thorburn
Pupils Pupil	Arthur Golden Shillaw / Charlotte Lawton
Sportsperson of the week	Poppy Laight
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Anna Quarmbay

### Attendance

Jupiter	<b>95.9</b>
Neptune	<b>96.5</b>
Saturn	<b>100</b>
Mercury	<b>94.4</b>
Pluto	<b>97.3</b>

### Nominations for Parent Governor vacancies

Thank you to those parents who attended the information event last night for the current Parent Governor vacancies; I hope you found this informative and useful. Being a school governor is both a challenging and rewarding role, if you can accommodate the time commitment and would like to be part of our governing body to support the vision, ethos and development of our school then please apply. Nomination forms are available from the school office and need to be completed and returned to school by **THURSDAY 04<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017**. If you would like to have an informal chat with me regarding the responsibilities of the role then please contact the school office and I will be happy to contact you.

Kindest Regards,  
Claire Mitchell  
Chair of Governors

*And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.*  
Genesis 1 3-4. The theme of our Collective Worship has been the Bible and the book of Genesis.

### Neptune class worship – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May

We look forward to welcoming parents and family members into school on Thursday to share our worship which is being led by Neptune class. The worship will begin at 9.15 a.m.

### Family Friday/Stay and Play – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

We look forward to welcoming parents and family members into school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 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. We also ask that you sign in on the class lists provided.

### Support with emotional and mental health issues

Please find below information about training sessions to support parents.

**Are you a parent/carer supporting a child or young person with emotional or mental health problems?**

**You are Not Alone**

Supporting a child with emotional or mental health problems can be difficult and challenging for any parent or carer. Information, advice and support can make the tough times a little easier.

### Training and Information Sessions for Parents/Carers

These training and information sessions have been designed and developed by a parent with experience of supporting a child with emotional and mental health difficulties. Each session will be delivered by a parent and CAMHS Nurse, you will meet other parents who may be going through similar experiences, receive information, advice and practical tips around what might help you and your child. We have also teamed up with the Feel Good Factory so every session will include tips & strategies to help you personally.

All sessions are free and open to any parent, carer or family member who is supporting a child with emotional or mental health difficulties.

Time: 9.30am-1.30pm

Venue: DURHAM COUNTY CRICKET CLUB,  
EMIRATES RIVERSIDE CHESTER-LE-STREET, COUNTY DURHAM DH3 3QR

*"I'm so thank full for these sessions without them I would be fearful for my son but now I feel I have the equivalent of a fire blanket" Parent*

#### Self-Harm: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

This session will look at:  
What is Self-Harm, why children and young people self-harm, practical things you can do and tips to help you cope

#### Overwhelming Emotions: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

This session will look at:  
What is going on when children and young people are overwhelmed with emotions, the signs and symptoms parents can look for, when to worry, practical things you can do and tips to help you cope

#### Coping in a Crisis: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

This session will look at:  
Different crisis situations, risky behaviour, when to worry, what you can do to help at home, when you need to get extra support and tips to help you cope

Each session will include useful resources, websites and provide parents with the opportunity to develop a personal plan of what to do. For more information or to book a place please contact:

Wendy : Tel: 07415380040 or email: [wendy@success.coop](mailto:wendy@success.coop)



Training is funded & supported by The Charlie Walker Memorial Trust

### New fence

Our new perimeter fence was erected during the Easter break which will improve the security of our building and safety of our children. Please can I remind parents and family members that our yard should be accessed by the gate at the side of school and NOT via the staff car park. Please pass this message to other family members and adults who collect and drop off children. Thank you Mrs Swift



## Child Questionnaire results

We recently asked our children to complete a questionnaire linked to our school as a church school. We were very pleased with the results:

- 97% are happy at our school
- 97% are working hard and trying my best
- 99% think our school is a caring school
- 86% enjoy going to a church school
- 100% think our school teaches me a lot about Christianity and Christian values
- 96% say they behave well at school
- 97% say adults encourage other pupils to behave well at this school
- 97% are able to go to clubs and out of school activities
- 97% feel that adults in our school listen to them
- 95% say if they have any problems at school they know who to talk to
- 97% agree they want to do well in their learning
- 96% think if they do something well an adult notices
- 97% agree our school values are important to our school
- 86% enjoy Collective Worship
- 71% enjoy taking part in Collective Worship

### Tell us how worship makes you feel

"It makes me happy to be at this school" Y6  
 "It makes me feel that Jesus is right next to me" Y2  
 "Worship makes me feel closer to God" Y5  
 "Good and happy" Y2  
 "Safe" Y2  
 "That God is listening everyday" Y2  
 "It makes me feel happy to learn about God" Y5  
 "It makes me think about things I don't normally think about" Y5  
 "It makes me think that God is always with us" Y6.  
 "It makes me feel thankful for this school." Y5  
 "Happy" YR  
 "I like to learn about worship" Y4  
 "Worship makes me feel happy because i learn about Christian Values" Y4

### Tell us about a worship you have really enjoyed

"Let's give peace a chance" Y2  
 "Class worship" Y2  
 "A FROG group worship on kindness because it was really fun" Y2  
 "Church" Y2  
 "The fruit of the Spirit" Y2  
 "Our worship about Peace" Y2  
 "Rev'd Kate and Rev'd Emma" Y5  
 "When younger children lead worship" Y6  
 "The worship about the faithful dog" Y1  
 "I love the bit where we pray" YR  
 "Me doing a prayer" YR  
 "When I get to lead it" Y4  
 "When Jesus helped the paralysed man" Y3

### Tell us how you would like to improve worship

"Worship is already the best it can be" Y6  
 "To sing more" Y2  
 "I think ever worship we should learn a new song" Y5  
 "I would like to improve worship by reflecting more" Y5  
 "Getting children to lead worship" Y5  
 "More about pollution and how to make the world a better place" Y5  
 "Stories from the bible that we haven't seen before" Y5  
 "Make it shorter" Y1  
 "More prayers" Y1  
 "More people to come and watch" YR

We are working with our children to develop their understanding of taking part in Collective Worship – this can be as simple as joining in with a prayer or enjoying a song we sing. We are also looking at including more singing within our worship as this is what many children requested. Mrs Swift



*trust, thankfulness, hope, friendship, forgiveness*