

# Easington Church of England Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## Dates for your diary – details to follow

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	"Upcycling" Toy Sale
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents Curriculum Evening 5 p.m.
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Family Friday
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y6 London visit
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday 9.30a.m. church – all welcome
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cinema evening 5 p.m. <b>Please note change of date</b>
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	YR/1 Collective Worship -parents invited 9.15 a.m.
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	"Bend the rules day" in aid of School Fund <b>Please note new event in place of non-uniform day Fri 12<sup>th</sup></b>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents invited to Celebration Worship 1.45p.m.
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes for half-term break
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	School re-opens
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Gymnastics display – school hall 3p.m.
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.30a.m. church – all welcome
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<i>Someone Special lunch – new event</i>
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Friday
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Coffee morning 10 a.m.
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Afternoon (drop-in) for parents to view books 2-4p.m. – new event
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parental Consultation meetings YR/2/4/6
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parental Consultation meetings Y1/3/5
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30a.m. church – all welcome
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y5/6 Collective Worship – parents invited 9.15 a.m.
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents invited to Celebration Worship 1.45p.m.
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Lent Service St Mary's 2.15 p.m.
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Discos – YR/1/2 4-5.15p.m. Y3/4/5/6 5.30-6.45p.m.
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)

## Star Pupils

Year Reception	Abby Henderson
Year One	Katie Stirman / Jay Paxton
Year Two	Lois Watt
Year Three	Tilly Brennan
Year Four	Matthew Flanagan / Arthur Golden Shilaw
Year Five	Thomas Ashcroft
Year Six	James Hutchinson
Pupils Pupil	Louise Weatherall / Adam Thorburn
<b>Mrs Swift's Special Book</b>	<b>Sportsperson of the Week</b>
<b>Ollie Francis</b>	<b>Erin Rowe</b>
<b>Attendance week ending Friday</b>	
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>94.00</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>95.94</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>99.33</b>
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>93.81</b>

## Upcycling Toy Sale

We are holding our Toy Sale on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please bring toys into school on Monday morning (in bags). Children are allowed to bring up to £3 to spend. Thank you in advance for your support with this fundraising event.

## Bags in school

Please can we remind you that every child should have a school book bag and PE bag. Large bags simply do not fit into children's lockers and therefore doors come off their hinges. Children who continue to bring large bags into school will be asked to take them home and only bring school/smaller bags.

*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12*

## Packed Lunches

Following a number of question from children we can clarify that crisps should not be in Packed lunches. In the past children have brought "baked" crisps into school however on checking the Food Standards in school document (see table from policy below) it states that no snacks should be included.

### Packed lunches **should** include:

- \*at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day.
- \*meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, houmous or falafel) every day.
- \*oily fish, such as salmon, tuna at least once every three weeks.
- \*a starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other type of cereals every day.
- \*Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard everyday.
- \*only water or still diluted juice

### Packed lunches **should not** include:

- \*snacks such **as crisps**. (Instead, include seeds, vegetables and fruit - with no added salt, sugar or fat - savoury crackers or breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food)
- \*confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits and sweets. (Cakes and biscuits are allowed but encourage your child to eat these only as part of a balanced meal.)
- \*highly processed foods such as Dairylea dunkers, Cheese Strings, Fruit Winders
- \*pastry products such as sausage rolls, individual pies and pasties
- \*nuts

Thank you for your support with our Packed Lunch Policy.

## Writing Challenge

My next writing challenge for everyone this term is to write a letter to Mrs Humphries our Chair of Governors explaining what you like about our school and what you would like to improve. As always there will be a small prize for a child in each year group – Mrs Humphries will choose the letters she likes best. Please send your letters into school by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Mrs Swift

## Easington Colliery Library

The Library would like to share a forthcoming Harry Potter fun Night with pupils. It's at the Library from 3.30- 5pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb and we'll be making spell books, reading from the books and making wands, we'd love to see some friendly little faces!

## Family Friday – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016

We are looking forward to inviting parents and family members into school next Friday for our next Family Friday event (9-9.30a.m.) I can hardly believe how quickly the month has passed since the last on in January!





### Message from Kaitlin Liddle's mum (Y3)

I'm planning on doing a charity walk along part of the Great Wall of China with several of my friends and colleagues in October 2017! Madness I hear you say, haha well yes it is, however I think at least once in your lifetime you have to set yourself a challenge and step outside of your comfort zone!

We have to raise a huge total of £20,000 between us all which will be shared between our chosen charities (so will be a minimum of £2000 for my charity). I have decided to donate my share of the money to a locally based charity called 4louis who provided help and support to my family. This charity provides memory boxes amongst other services for bereaved parents & families who have lost a child through stillbirth or neonatal death.

School have offered to sell charity pin badges, wrist bands and pens on behalf of 4louis which will all help toward my target of £2000.

We shall let you know items are available from Mrs Bowden-Stoker in the school office.

### Gymnastics Display

We would like to invite you to a Gymnastics display in our school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Children who attended gymnastics club before Christmas will be demonstrating their skills.

### Important e-safety message from Durham LA



There have been some issues reported by youngsters using the ooVoo app, who have received offensive and explicit contacts from strangers.

Children and parents should be advised that the app is not suitable for children under the age of 13 and that the default privacy settings (which allow complete strangers to videoconference with the user) can render it quite hazardous even to older children.

ooVoo 's terms and conditions limit the use of the app to children over 13. However this does not make its use illegal, just in breach of their agreement with ooVoo. We would like to remind parents to regularly check their children's devices, discuss the use of social media apps with their children and to ensure parental controls are enabled on devices.

For older children it would be wise to change the privacy settings so that they set them so no strangers can contact them. In the settings section, go to 'Privacy & Security' and it asks 'When people search ooVoo, who can find me?' They should then either select 'People who know my email address or ooVoo ID' or 'No one'. If a child reports either receiving or being asked to share explicit images this should be regarded as a safeguarding concern, the device should not be used (to preserve any evidence) and your local police should be informed in the usual way.

## Comments following Annual Parental Questionnaire November 2015

Communication between staff and parents is excellent

Deals swiftly with concerns

Involves parents in activities and worship

School knows the children and places each child's wellbeing at its heart

Recognises every child as an individual

Takes children on numerous educational visits

Pupils seem to have respect for each other no matter what age they are

My child is always challenged to achieve greater results

