



# Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017



## Dates for your diary – details to follow

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Lent Challenge activities Pluto class
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Lent Challenge activities Saturn class
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Lent Service St Mary's 2.15 p.m.
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Lent Challenge activities Mercury class
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Ms Lilley's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m.
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Lent Challenge activities Neptune class
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play 9-10a.m.
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Non-uniform day - no donation required
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Lent Challenge activities Jupiter class
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter break
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for Summer Term for children
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
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 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Mr Appleby's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents Curriculum Evening 5 p.m.
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Neptune 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
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play 9-10a.m.
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Ms Lilley's 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	Mrs Appleby's 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	Maks Smithson
Neptune	Katie Brown
Saturn	Olivia Snowdon
Mercury	Lilly Haddick
Pluto	Layla Burnip
Writer of the week	Zac Brown
Sportsperson of the week	Lewis Craggs
Pupils Pupil w/e 23/3/17	Adam Thorburn/Kayne Broad
Pupils Pupil	Charlie Armstrong/ Leon Thorburn
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Beth Irving

### Attendance

Jupiter	98.9
Neptune	98.3
Saturn	100
Mercury	92.2
Pluto	98.2

### Easter fundraising

This year we will not be holding an "Eggbola" as in previous years. This year we will instead be raffling three sets of 6 Easter cupcakes. Please find attached to this newsletter a strip of raffle ticket costing £1. Please return "stubs" and money by Wednesday. We will draw the raffle on Thursday and inform winners during Family Friday/Play and Stay on Friday. This fundraising for our School Fund will coincide with our Lent Challenge activities.

*This you know, my beloved brethren But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger James 1:19*

The theme of our Collective Worship continues to be the Fruit of the Spirit. This week we have thought about self-control.

### Another busy week ahead of us....

#### Mrs Swift's Lent Challenge Activities – with details of activities from class teachers:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April **Pluto class** have been bringing into school favourite family recipes. Mrs Scarr is compiling a wonderful cook book for families to keep. We will be selling them on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monday after school for £5.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April **Saturn class** As a class we have decided to design and make a wide range of homemade greeting cards. The cards will be designed and handmade by all of the children in Saturn Class and will include themes such as: Happy Birthday, Get well Soon, Good Luck, Congratulations, Thinking of you etc. All of the cards will be clearly displayed in baskets so people can choose their favourite ones.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April **Mercury class** are going to be having a bake sale. They have also asked local companies to donate prizes for a Tombola. Miss Wiseman

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April **Neptune class**

Neptune class will be making an Easter cake to raffle and crispy cakes for parents and children to buy. As well as this, there will be plants in pots decorated by the children and lots of Easter themed craft items!

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April **Jupiter class** – this will take place on Friday morning before school. Jupiter class Easter egg-stravaganza will include:

- An egg-stra special cake stall with egg-ceedingly good cakes
- Egg-citing Easter games with egg-cellent prizes to be won – 50p a go (also available at break time)
- Egg-squisite milkshakes and egg-stremely tasty Easter cookies on sale at break time - £1



#### Lent Service – St. Mary's 2.15p.m.

We would like to invite you to join us in worship at St Mary's church on 2.15p.m. During the service children will be reflecting on the events that lead up to Easter.

#### Family Friday/Stay and Play – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

We look forward to welcoming parents and family members into school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 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. Our School Nurse, Kelly, will be available from 9.30am to speak with any parents who have health concerns about their children.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** is also a non-uniform day - no donation is required.

#### And finally...

School closes on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. We hope you and your family have a restful and fun-filled break.





### Neptune and Saturn Classes visit to Tweddle Farm

On Monday children from Neptune and Saturn class visited Tweddle Farm. During the cold but fine day children had the opportunity to feed baby lambs with hand held bottles, look at lots of

different animals and enjoy the playground.

"My favourite part was checking to see if there were any eggs" Lily Y1.

"I enjoyed going on the swings as I got to play with my friends" Imogen Y2.

"My favourite part was feeding the lambs when they ran out. It was really fun and the lambs drank it really quickly. Some of them kept running away!" Amelie Y2.

### School Football Team News

Last night the Boys football season came to an end with a very unlucky defeat to Howletch in the George Wilson Cup. The team finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 16 in the league which is a fantastic achievement. I would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you to all of the parents/grandparents who have supported the team this year. Thank you, Mr Appleby.

### YR class worship – Thursday

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and family members into school for worship on Thursday which will be led by our Reception children. This is the final opportunity for parents and family members to join us for a class led worship this term.

### End of term disco – Wednesday

Last week each child was given a letter about our disco. Please ensure the slip is completed and returned by Tuesday. This helps us to ensure we have the necessary refreshments and adult support. Thank you.

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### A message from GameFace Productions

We're currently making a Family Quiz show pilot for ITV and we're looking for families to take part. We're looking for families who love quizzing and have a keen interest in general knowledge. The family members can be any relation but must be made up of three members that span three generations (*kids/parents, step-parents, aunts, uncles/grandparents*). The Quiz Show is a pilot so won't be broadcast on TV but will be a fun day for the family and a look behind the scenes to see how a TV show is made. We will be doing Skype auditions in the next few weeks and filming will take place outside of school hours in the Easter holidays. Please find below more information.



### Summer Fair change of date

A reminder that the date of our Summer Fair has been changed from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### Parental Consultation meetings

Thank you to those parents who attended our meetings on Monday and Tuesday. This is one of the main ways to promote the link between home and school. Teachers have shared many lovely comments from parents about our school – thank you, this means a lot to us. Just a reminder that parents do not need to wait until these parents to speak with teachers – please contact Mrs Bowden-Stoker to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time. Mrs Swift

### Green Rangers Pond Survey work at Easington Local Nature Reserve

On Thursday our Green Rangers, accompanied by Ms Lilley and Cllr Angela Surtees, joined children from Easington Colliery Primary School to take part in a pond survey at Easington Local Nature Reserve. During the morning the children enjoyed looking closely at frog spawn and toad spawn and they learnt to tell the difference. We looked at a toad and released tadpole eggs into Pond 1. Our school has now "adopted" a pond – we'll be voting on a name in school soon! It is hoped that our Green Rangers will monitor the life of the pond over the next four months – observing the changes in and around the pond. Thank you Cllr Surtees for giving our children this wonderful opportunity. Mrs Swift