



Easington Church of England Primary School

Newsletter Friday 17th January 2025

May we give them the roots to grow and the wings to fly



Diary Dates

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| Wed 22 nd Jan | Whole school to Church for morning service - 9.30am |
| Thurs 23 rd Jan | Mr Churchill and Miss Swan's Class Collective Worship for parents – 9:15am |
| Thurs 23 rd Jan | KS2 Sports Ability Festival 10am-12 noon Wellfield School |
| Tues 28 th Jan | Chartwells Mental Wellbeing Workshops |
| Mon 3 rd –7 th Feb | Children's Mental Health Week children will complete activities in school |
| Thurs 6 th Feb | School Sports Partnership Swimming Gala KS1 and KS2 |
| Fri 7 th Feb | Family Friday 9-9.30am – Safer Internet Week – How do we stay safe online? |
| Tues 11 th Feb | Safer Internet Day children will complete activities in school |
| Thurs 13 th Feb | Mr Nelthorpe's Class Collective Worship for parents – 9:15am |
| Thurs 13 th Feb | Year 1 multi-skills Festival 10am-12noon |
| Fri 14 th Feb | Valentine's Day Lunch (children come into school wearing red) |
| Wed 19 th Feb | Church whole school - families welcome 9.30am |
| Thurs 20 th Feb | Gymnastics Festival (Year 1) and Key Steps Gymnastics Competition |
| Fri 21 st Feb | Celebration Worship for parents – 2:30pm |
| Fri 21 st Feb | Non-uniform day (no charge) |
| Fri 21st Feb | School closes for half-term break |
| Mon 3rd Mar | School re-opens |
| Tues 4 th Mar | Normal school lunch with Pancake Day dessert |
| Tues 4 th Mar | Year 6 SATS Information Evening for parents 5pm-5.30pm |
| Wed 5 th Mar | Church whole school families welcome 9.30am – ASH WEDNESDAY |
| Wed 5 th Mar | Year 5 to Shotton Hall to see Sister Act Performance |
| Fri 7 th Mar | Family Friday 9-9.30am – International Women's Day |
| Fri 7 th Mar | World Book Day Celebrations (Zog – EYFS/KS1) (Lord of the Rings KS2) |
| Tues 11 th Mar | Aspiration afternoon - more info will follow |
| Tues 18 th Mar | Year 1 Phonics Information Evening for parents 5pm-5.30pm |
| Thurs 20 th Mar | Year 3/4 Basketball Festival 10am – 12 noon |
| Thurs 20 th Mar | Year 5/6 Basketball Competition 1pm-3pm |
| Fri 21 st Mar | Red Nose Day – non uniform – donations toward Comic Relief |
| Tues 25 th Mar | Go-Well Frisbee Activity Day |
| Thurs 27 th Mar | School Sports Partnership Wellbeing Festival (Years 2-6) |
| Thurs 27 th Mar | Football Team Competition - Wellfield |
| Fri 28 th Mar | Celebration worship 2.30pm parents and families welcome, followed by |
| Fri 28 th Mar | Spring Coffee afternoon 3.30pm – more info to follow |
| Tues 1 st Apr | Someone Special lunch – more info to follow |
| Thurs 3 rd Apr | Football Team Competition – venue to be confirmed |
| Fri 4 th Apr | Family Friday 9-9.30am – World Health Day – Healthy Mind Health Body |
| Tues 8 th Apr | Easter Discos – Year R/1/2 4.45-5.45pm Year 3/4/5/6 6-7pm |
| Wed 9 th Apr | Whole school to Church 2:30pm Holy Week/Easter Service families welcome |
| Thurs 10 th Apr | Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund) |
| Thurs 10 th Apr | School Sports Partnership Dance Festival |
| Thurs 10th Apr | School closes for Easter break |
| Fri 11th Apr | PD Day |
| Mon 28th Apr | School re-opens |

Stars of the week Friday 17th January 2025

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| Ms. Lilley's Class – ELM | Daniel S |
| Miss Defty's Class – OAK | Annie |
| Mr. Churchill's Class – MAPLE | Olivia E |
| Mrs. Appleby's Class - WILLOW | Marley R |
| Mr. Nelthorpe's Class– SYCAMORE | Louisa D |
| Miss O'Neil's Class - PINE | Keira T |
| Pupils' Pupil | Joseph C/Victor L |
| Staff member of the week | Mr Nelthorpe |
| Mr. Appleby's Special Book | Jackson Markham |

School Lunches

We have been informed by Chartwells (the company who co-ordinate our school lunches) that as of next week there will be some changes to what our School Kitchen can provide to our children.

Presently, along with the three daily hot options, a selection of sandwiches are available each day for the children to choose from (ham/cheese/tuna as a sandwich/wrap). Our School Cook has been informed that **sandwiches are only to be made available on the actual days they are listed as an option on the menu (Wednesdays weekly).**

This change will take effect from next Monday (20th January).

Can we also ask that going forward, Kiwi fruit is not brought into school as snack or part of a packed lunch. Thank you for your understanding.

Copies of the three-week rolling menus are available on our school website in the School Office section 😊

Staff Car Park:

A reminder that parents **are not allowed to park in the Staff Car Park**. We have noticed some parents starting to do this again, please ensure you park in a legal, safe space on the main road. Thank you.

Youth Club:



Youth@StMarys

St Marys Church Hall, Easington Village, school years 5,6,7,8. (age 9 till 13)

Next Session:
Friday January 17th 6-8pm
Then...Every other Friday 6pm until 8pm until December 2025.
Enjoy pool, snooker, table tennis, board games, music, arts and craft and meet new friends!
Plus food too, all for **free!**

Find us on Facebook
@YouthAtStMarys
Thanks The Youth Group Team



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Safer Parking around our school

SCHOOL — KEEP — CLEAR

As a driver you have a responsibility to park in a safe and considerate manner.
 Park with care and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for everyone.

We care about our neighbours, please, never park across driveways or on corners or junctions.

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Fewer cars at the school entrance will help make it safer for everyone

What you could do instead...

- Try walking, cycling or scooting – even if its just one day a week, it can make a big difference.
- If you need to drive your child to school, consider parking away from school and walking the remainder of the way or car share with other families.

For more advice visit our website
www.durham.gov.uk/schoolparking

Walking, cycling or scooting to school contributes to the recommended daily physical exercise for you and your children.
 It also helps to **reduce congestion** around school and **improves air quality**, providing benefits for everyone.

Keep Clear of our school keep clears

SCHOOL — KEEP — CLEAR

Always park away from the zig zag lines; they are here for our safety.

Safer Parking around our school

Keep clear of our zig zag markings. Do not stop, drop or park on our yellow school keep clear road markings.

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Double Trouble

Double parking makes crossing roads dangerous for us and our families, give us and other drivers a clear view.

Safer Parking around our school

Double parking puts our children at risk. When double parking occurs around schools, it makes it harder to see children and those who might be on wheels (buggies, cycles, wheelchairs etc).

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Despite numerous requests regarding illegal and dangerous parking at drop off and collection times, it still remains a huge issue. Although only a minority of people are choosing to do this, it is having a massive impact on the safety of our school community.

Please see above some important messages regarding parking safely outside of our school.

Once again, your co-operation and support with this would be much appreciated
 Thank you for your support.
 Mr Appleby