



# Easington Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017



### Dates for your diary – details to follow

| 2017-2018                    |  |
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| w.b. 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov    | Bikeability Y5/6   |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec      | Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play class 9-10a.m.                          |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec      | <b>FROG group fundraising – new event – please see below</b>                   |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec      | Phototronics – individual photographs – <b>please note change of date</b>      |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec      | Church 9.30a.m. – all parents and families welcome                             |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec      | Christmas Tree lighting Seaton Holme 3.45 p.m.                                 |
| Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | YR Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome – <b>please note change of date</b> |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec      | Non-uniform day (donations in aid of Christmas Fair)                           |
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | Church 9.30a.m. – all parents and families welcome                             |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | Christmas Fair 2.30p.m. School Hall  |
| Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | YR KS1 Nativity 2.00 PM  |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | YR KS1 Nativity 10.00 AM   |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | Music concert 9.15 a.m. – parents and families welcome                         |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | Christmas lunch  |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | Advent Service St. Mary's 2.15p.m. All welcome                                 |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.                                 |
| Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec     | Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)  |
| Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec     | School closes for Christmas break  |
| 2018 Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan | PDDay- school closed for children  |
| Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan     | School re-opens for Spring Term  |
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb      | School closes for half-term break  |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb     | School re-opens  |
| Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | School closes for Easter break   |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> April   | PDDay  |
| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> April  | School re-opens for Summer Term for children                                   |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May      | Bank Holiday - school closed for children                                      |
| Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May     | School closes for half-term break  |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> June     | School re-opens  |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July    | School closes for summer break   |

### Star Pupils Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

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| Lions                    | Avah Curtis-Dawson             |
| Jaguars                  | Emmeline Ruddell               |
| Tigers                   | Ethan Germain                  |
| Leopards                 | Olivia Snowdon                 |
| Puma                     | Jake Parker                    |
| Pupils Pupil             | Jack Harrison / Olivia Knowles |
| Mrs Swift's Special Book | Lilly Haddick                  |

### Attendance

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| Lions    | 87.1 |
| Jaguars  | 93.6 |
| Tigers   | 93.8 |
| Leopards | 99.7 |
| Puma     | 95.7 |

### School Improvement Plan 2017-2018

On an annual basis schools are asked to produce an improvement plan which outline priorities for the coming academic year. Our Leadership Team - staff in school and our Governing Body – have worked to produce the plan for this year. Please find below some of the targets we as a school will be hoping to achieve this year:

- To ensure staffing structure meets needs of school
- To further develop learning, teaching and assessment in Foundation Subjects
- To continue to raise profile of Safeguarding as everyone's responsibility
- To achieve Level 1 UNCEF Rights Respecting Award
- To 'develop children's own understanding of how to keep themselves safe and manage risk'.
- To use highly successful strategies to engage parents and carers, in their children's learning in school and home.
- To review the school's ethos statement, ensuring that it is both child friendly and states clearly the Christian vision that is at the very heart of the school.
- To develop stronger links with worldwide churches and stronger direct links to other communities worldwide.

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9* The theme of our Collective Worship for this week has been 'A Time to Affirm 'For ever and ever Amen'.

### Safeguarding update

Just a reminder that when staff dismiss children at the end of the day children then become the responsibility of the adult collecting them. This means that adults are responsible for supervising behaviour and ensuring children leave our premises safely. Please pass this message onto other family adults who collect children from school – thank you.

### St Mary's Service Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

It was lovely to see so many parents and families members joining us in worship last Wednesday. We look forward to worshipping with you again at St. Mary's on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### YR Lions class Collective Worship Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.15a.m.

Please note due to another event in school we have had to change the date for this Collective Worship to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We look forward to welcoming parents and families in to school.

### Phototronics - change of date

The date for Phototronics to take individual photographs of children has been changed to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### Y5/6 Police Junior Education programme

Puma class have taken part in the Junior Education Programme provided by Durham Constabulary and enjoyed workshops on various topics including : Envirocrime, responsible dog ownership, hate crime and road safety. Every adult who has delivered a workshop has commented how well behaved and responsive our Y5 and Y6 children have been. Well done to the children in Puma class – you are super ambassadors for our school.

### House Team Day

On Monday our whole school came together – from our youngest child in Year Reception to our oldest child in Y6 - to take part in a House Team morning. The theme of the morning was Outright 2017 – World children's Day. Children thought about the story of Paddington Bear linked to the plight of refugee children. These children are often split up from their own families just like Paddington. It was wonderful to be part of this morning in school – House Team events really are a true reflection of our school values of thankfulness, trust, hope, friendship, forgiveness in action.

### FROG group fundraising

For their next fundraising activity, FROG group have decided to raise funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind. On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December during morning break dog ginger biscuits and hot chocolate will be on sale to children costing £1.50. If you would like your child to support FROG group in their efforts please send £1.50 into school on the day – this will be collected by class teachers. Thank you.

### Animal Aid

Please find on the reverse of this week's newsletter a poster about Animal Aid. This group has been created by three of our Y5 and Y6 children who are hoping to raise the awareness of the plight of animal. A future charity in the making I think - Mrs Swift

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