



East Allington Primary School and Nursery

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Upcoming Events

Christmas Fayre: 13 December

**Christmas Concert (classes 1-3):
17 Dec 1.30pm & 7.00pm**

**Nativity (Reception & Nursery)
18 December 9.30am**

BOOK TIME! Just 10 minutes every day.

Singing songs is good – using words and understanding rhyming helps with spelling and reading. Sing some Christmas songs! Be warned: how will you explain the spelling in Jingle bells; ‘way’ and ‘sleigh’? Welcome to the world of teaching spelling in the English language!

**END OF TERM: 21 December –
5 January**

SPRING TERM 2020: 6 January

Current Attendance YTD:

Reception	96.02%
Class 1	96.63%
Class 2	96.94%
Class 3	92.99%
School	95.72%

Payment for School trips: You will be receiving letters about trips we have planned for the first 2 weeks of next term. This is to kick start our new curriculum, which has to be started in the spring. Unfortunately, this means we are having to ask for money at a particularly expensive time of year. We do understand this can be difficult, especially if you have several children in different classes. In the future, we will be able to spread out when we ask for money and not have it happen all at once. Please accept our apologies for this and do come and talk to us if there are any issues around payment we can help with. Hopefully, if government funding increases, we will be able to reduce costs to parents while still offering great opportunities to your children.

Following the last parent forum, we are reviewing how we stagger events that are asking for money across the year. This year, we have had a lot of requests in the lead up to Christmas from school and external events (Children in Need etc) – we will try to spread these out and be very selective with what we ask for.

Christmas Jumpers: Children are allowed to wear these from now on until Christmas!

Mornings and pick up times: We would like to remind parents that they should remain in the playground at these times and not walk into the school or around the site unless accompanied by, or given permission from, a member of staff. This is to ensure we can maintain the high levels of safeguarding we have put in place to make sure every child is safe at all times.

Office hours;

Monday: 8:30 – 3:30

Tuesday: 8:30 – 10:30

Wednesday: 8:30 – 3:30

Thursday: 8:30 – 10:30

Friday: 8:30 – 10:30

Breakfast club: this will always be in the hall from 8:00 from now on. Maggie will run this on Mondays and Wednesdays. Mr Pether on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Pick up a poem:

Let's invent a monster!

Let's give it,

a giraffe of a neck

a monkey of a swing

a crocodile of a snack

a dog of a bark

a cat of a claw

Let's invent a monster!

By Joey (Yr1)

A tree of hope.

I plant a hope of a world where every child has a right to play and have fun,

I plant a hope of a world where every child is respected,

I plant a hope of no poison in the sea or on land,

I plant a hope for everybody to have a shelter and warmth.

I plant a hope of no wars in any part of the world.

By Lewis

Thank you to all who came to the parent forum. NEXT PARENT FORUM WILL BE ON Thursday 16th January 2:45

EMERGENCY PHONE LINES:

If you have to contact the school after 11 in an EMERGENCY ONLY – OTHERWISE, PLEASE PHONE THE ANSWER MACHINE WHICH WILL BE CHECKED AT 12, 1 AND 3.

07593 070076 (Nursery, Reception and class 1)

07514 512811 (class 2 and 3)

PLEASE ONLY USE THESE NUMBERS IN AN EMERGENCY.

FSU STILL needs you! We need contributions of;

- **Tractors and farm vehicles**
- **Girl's pants**
- **Socks**
- **Toy cars**
- **Doll's house**
- **Doll's house furniture**
- **Small cutlery**
- **Role play items- shop, kitchen, fire station, police station, vets, space, construction, hairdressers.**

Please can Reception class have any cardboard tubes (kitchen roll etc).

TALK TO US: If you would like to have a chat with your child's teacher, please make an appointment – we are always happy to talk. If you wish to communicate with your child's teacher via email, please use the school email address and not their personal or work email addresses.

parent@eastallingtonprimary.org.uk

We still need as many **volunteers** as possible; **Can you help?**

Internet safety information;

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers> <https://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is a free web service providing information to parents and carers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware>

Advice from NSPCC on social networks, apps and games.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

A non-profit organisation working with others to make the internet a great and s

Class News

Class 1

Class 1 have continued their journey across Africa and have been reading more stories set in Africa. We have been learning about the difference in the African culture and have discovered lots of similarities and clues in these stories that show us where the Characters are.

This week we have learnt about the structure of stories and have written our own version of Handa's Surprise.

Here are a couple of extracts from our stories:

'Handa put seven different fruits in her basket. She set off to see her friend Akeyo who lived in a village. I wonder if she'll like the little purple, sour grapes? But the sleepy leopard took them when Handa passed by under the weeping tree.' Alba – Year 2

'An antelope hit the tree then apples came tumbling down into the basket.

Look Akeyo, I've got a surprise for you.

Apples, my favourite said Akeyo.' Max – Year 1

We have also been learning about the value of money and different ways we can pay for the same item. A handy skill at this time of the year! Class 1 should be ready to buy their presents at the Christmas fair



SIGNPOST

Timid to Tiger: Help to support your child

Timid to Tiger is a ten-week course which gives parents support and strategies to manage anxiety in their children. It is aimed at "producing confident parents who know how to encourage confidence in their child, and who know what to do when their child is anxious or afraid."

The course ran this term at Blackawton Primary and was attended by a group of parents from three of our primary schools who found it hugely beneficial not only for their anxious child, but also for the wider family. Here's what some of them had to say about it:

I signed up to Timid to Tiger with a very specific issue with my youngest son that I wanted help with. Not only did the course equip me with strategies to deal with his worries and anxieties, it helped enormously with all aspects of parenting, and interestingly it has ended up helping me more with my teenager, which is never easy!

Ironically, the issue with my youngest disappeared of its own accord in the early stages of the course, but the course has helped with parenting support at its most general, which is sometimes completely overwhelming.

1. Timid to Tiger gives you different strategies in ways to talk to your children.
2. It is helpful talking confidentially with other parents, carers and group leaders.
3. You do not have to have anything wrong with your child to do this course.
4. It can help overcome situations.
5. It will help all families!

I have been attending the course for the past 10 weeks and have really seen the benefits. It has helped with my child's anxiety and overall levels of happiness. It is delivered professionally with plenty of useful information, personal examples and a little humour! The information I have learnt I believe would help all parents, not just those with children who have anxiety issues. It is a super course and I will miss attending every Tuesday!

Whether you have an anxious child, or are looking for help with behaviour; whether you want to strengthen communication with your child or simply want reassurance and new strategies, I am certain every parent would take something valuable from this course.

We are hoping to run it next term at Stoke Fleming, but parents from all of our schools are welcome to attend. If you are interested in finding out more, please email your child's school and ask for your message to be forwarded to me (Sarah Simnett). I will then make contact to provide further information and answer any questions you may have.



PTFA Cake Raffle



Tickets just 50p each



*On sale both before and after school every day
From Sarah Hepburn-McCarthy and Bex Hiley*



Winner drawn every Friday