



**“Pupils at East Boldon Infants enjoy coming to school. This is a friendly school with kindness at it’s heart.”**

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# Kindness School

- We began our journey to be a credited Kindness school in 2020. Kindness is part of our school culture and one of our six character values.
- As Ofsted commented kindness is at the heart of everything we do in school.
- Weekly Kindness club – we run a weekly lunchtime kindness club where children make small crafts to hang on our kindness trees in the assembly hall.
- We deliver the crafts as random acts of kindness in our community.

# Kindness Elves

- The story of The Kindness Elves this is shared with classes at the beginning of each school year
- Elf garden – kindness pebble jars are available for children to add a pebble if they are noticed being kind. Notes are also left for children to find.
- Kindness missions – challenges are often left in the elf garden for children to complete i.e. remember your manners at lunchtime today or remember to hold a door for others today



# Daily Kindness Notes

- Staff are always looking out for examples of kindness in classes. Parents are also invited to share examples of their children showing kindness at home too. The 'elves' then leave special kindness notes for the children to find.
- We celebrate our kindness super stars by awarding a kindness sticker and with a celebratory song.

# Sycamore Care Home Boldon

- Links with our local Care home. We regularly meet our friends from our local care home. Each class has a penpal they write to regularly.
- We have arranged sing a long sessions, craft sessions, afternoon tea and even a walk to raise funds for Alzheimer's UK as part of Dementia awareness week.
- All classes made forget me not paintings to display on our school gates to raise awareness.

# Character School Journey

- We have submitted our application to become a Quality Mark school of character. Our first character value being kindness followed by resilience, respect, honesty, patience and community spirit.

# Play pal buddies

- Our older children are elected by the school council to become playtime pals. The children wear bright coloured vests and walk around the playground to make sure all children have someone to play with. They are a great support to our younger pupils and even sort out minor friendship disagreements too. They reinforce being kind and treating others how you want to be treated.

# Eco Warriors

- We have an Eco Warriors committee who are tasked with education classes about the importance of caring for our school environment, local environment and our planet. Showing kindness and respect to love in a more sustainable world.



# Charity work

- We continue to show in school by supporting local charities. We support the work of The Chronicle Sunshine Fund – a charity that provides specialist equipment for children and young people with disabilities. We all plant a sunflower seed and talk about how we are all like the seeds – the seeds grow and develop at different rates but are all equally beautiful, unique and special just like us.