



October 2019

Esh Winning Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Harvest Festival



The harvest festival service will be held on
Wednesday 23rd October in the
School Main Hall

Parents should attend according to family groups at the following times;

Willow, Rowan, Silver Birch & Field Maple at 9.30am

Beech, Lime & Oak at 10.30am

Items kindly donated from home will be
given to the **Durham Food Bank.**

Pupils will bring a letter home soon to suggest items to bring in e.g. Milk (UHT or powdered),
Sugar (500g), Fruit Juice (long life carton, Sponge Pudding (tinned), instant coffee, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit.

Dates

October

- 2nd Yr 3 Parent Meeting at 2.30pm
- 3rd Yr 1 Parent Meeting at 2.30pm
- 7th Parents Evening (except Reception)
- 8th Parents Evening (except Reception)
- 14th Reception Parents Evening
- 15th Reception Parents Evening
- 17th Nursery Open Day 10am/1.30pm
- 21st Ullswater trip Yr 5
- 23rd Harvest Festival Services 9.30/10.30
- 24th Halloween Discos KS1 & 2
- 25th Break up for half term

November

- 4th School resumes
- 11th Anti Bullying Week
- 15th Children in Need day
- 18th Reception Christmas Crafts week
- 21st Yr 1-6 Xmas Crafts Afternoon 1.30
- 22nd INSET DAY school closed
- 28th Nursery Christmas Crafts

December

- 5th Christmas Fayre 3.15-5.30pm
- 9th Reception Xmas Performance
- 10th Nursery Xmas Performance
- 11th KS1 Christmas Performance
- 12th Christmas Dinner & Jumper day
- 13th Santa Visit
- 19th KS2 Carol Service
- 20th Break up for Christmas holidays

January '20

- 6th School resumes

PARENTS EVENINGS INFORMATION

Parents Evening for Nursery & Years 1-6 will be held on
Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October.

Parents Evening for Reception Class pupils will be held on
Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th October.

Letters with return slips have already been sent home. If you
have not received a letter, please contact the school office for a
copy. Thank you.



Halloween Disco

Tickets will soon be on sale for this year's
Halloween Disco On
Thursday 24th October
£1 per ticket

Hot dogs, crisps, juice & snacks for sale

KS1 will be from 4pm-5pm
KS2 will be 5.15pm-6.30pm

**All KS1 parents are asked to stay on
site in the dining hall during the disco**



DISABLED PARKING BAYS

Please can anyone parking in our disabled bays
have their blue badges displayed at all times. We
have parents and visitors who rely on being able to
park in our disabled bays to access our school.

ALDI—KIT FOR SCHOOLS STICKERS

Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the
chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school.
What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's
Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports
kit! Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store, bring it into
school and fill up our school's poster for a chance for us to win.

Bumped heads!

It is our school policy to ring home every time your child bumps their head in school time. Please be patient with staff ringing home, thanks.

Thank you to all the parents and family who supported our Macmillan Coffee morning / afternoon on Tuesday 24th September. We raised £142.63 for this amazing charity.

Lunch boxes Just to remind parents that it is school policy for pupils to bring their leftovers and rubbish home with them so parents can see what their child has eaten that day. Thank you.

HALLOWEEN CARVED PUMPKIN COMPETITION. Please bring your pumpkins into school on the morning of 24th October and they will be judged during the day. The 3 winning pumpkins will be given a prize. A winner will be picked from FSU, KS1 and KS2. Children's entries only! The pumpkins will be then be displayed in the school garden for all the children to enjoy.



On Thursday 24th October **Nursery and Reception** pupils will be having their own Halloween Party in class during the day.

They are allowed to come into school dressed in their Halloween costumes.

At the end of this month, some of our Year 5 pupils are going to the Outward Bound Centre on Ullswater in the Lake District. The children will try lots of challenging outdoor activities, explore new places in the wild and experience the responsibility of living away from home. The children will return home with confidence, know their classmates better, have new skills and a fresh perspective on life.



We are truly delighted with our new 'map of the world' wall art in the KS1 corridor and our new reusable water bottles for all pupils in Reception to Year 6 both supplied by EST Display Ltd. The water bottles will hugely reduce the amount of plastic waste in school and the office will no longer be stocking or selling single use water bottles



TEA CLUB Together with Our Lady Queen of Martyr School we run after school wrap around care for all children in Reception through to year 6. The provision can be from 3.15pm-5.30pm, or 4.15pm-5.30pm Monday to Friday at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School. The club is run & supervised by sports coaches (Simply Sport) & offers fun activities, a sandwich, biscuit, fruit and a drink for the children. Any children who would be attending activity clubs are collected by Simply Sport staff & taken to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School to be collected there by parents at 5.30pm. All sessions would need to be booked at our school office on a Monday morning but paid for on our ParentPay system. The cost per session per child is £8.50 (3.15-5.30pm) or £4.50 (4.15-5.30pm) per day.

Outdoor Play area additions.

We are currently having some wigwams constructed in our school grounds, together with seating for pupils to enjoy a village play environment. We are working with 'Handcrafted', who also built our mud kitchen earlier this year. We are looking forward to this project being completed soon!

Fruit Tree Project

Together with OASES (Outdoor and Sustainability Education Service) we are developing our amphitheatre area in the KS2 playground. We are planting some fruit trees, and also some lavender and herbs for sensory play and learning. Later we will be juicing apples and making fruit crumbles with pupils.

After Half term we will be offering the following after school clubs. Letters will be sent out before the end of this term

Day	Classes	Club Name	Cost
Monday	KS 1 & KS 2	Dodgeball Club	£12 half term
Tuesday	Yr 5	Code Club	Free - FULL
Wednesday	Yr 4, 5 & 6	Football Team Training	Free
Thursday	Years 1, 2 & 3	Multiskills Club	£12 half term
Thursday	KS 2	Drama & Singing Club	Free
Friday	KS 1 & KS 2	Football Friday Club	£12 half term

SMOKING AT THE SCHOOL GATES. Please can parents refrain from smoking outside the school gates in consideration of our children, other parents and members of the public who have to walk past. Thank you.