



Nov / Dec 2020

Esh Winning Primary School NEWSLETTER

Christmas Fundraising Sadly, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are unable to hold our annual Christmas Fayre as normal. Instead, to help raise some money for the school fund, we are running 4 of our usual Christmas stalls via the school office; Raffle, guess the name of the cuddly reindeer, guess the weight of the Christmas Cake and a Chocolate Hamper Raffle. A letter and a tear off slip sheet have been sent home with your child. Please ask your child to hand any slips in to their class teacher, once checked they will be prompted to put money into a box in each classroom. Raffle tickets will then be sent home. The draw for all these stalls will take place on Wednesday 16th December. Raffle prizes so far include a Dents gift voucher for afternoon tea, M & S Christmas Box, Quebec Tearoom Voucher, Usbourne Books prize, Sherry, Port, Wine, Sweets tub & more..



Teams Teaching

With Nursery & Reception bubbles being closed for 2 weeks, we have the opportunity for Miss Common & Mrs Coleman to try to use Teams to provide remote learning for some of our children. In the home learning packs there are instructions about how this will work. Please bear with us as this is a brand new way of working & technology is not always our friend!! Any questions, please contact the school. Thank you.

WELLIES! If you have not already, **PLEASE** send in wellies for your child. We are having to use the grassed areas more than usual, so that the children can remain in their bubbles whilst outside. So sorry for all the mud! In poor weather, children can only go onto the grass if they are wearing wellies.



Mrs Cook has made a fabulous advent calendar for us and this will be opened every day during December. This calendar will have whole school daily treats which will include 10 minutes extra playtime, watching a virtual pantomime, everyone gets a Christmas cracker and more...

ELVES! Two elves have arrived from the North Pole until the end of term and they have been put into quarantine by Mrs Curtis in the school office. They are being ever SO naughty! They say their names are Buddy and Betsy and hopefully they won't get up to too much mischief in the next few weeks, but we will be following their antics every day on Facebook.



Parent Governor Vacancy.

We still have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the school.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who bought a drink from The Really Awesome Coffee van when he came on site. We are hoping we can make this a monthly treat for everyone. We will let everyone know when they will next be expected.



I am sure you will agree that 2020 has been a very tough year for us all. We will soon be celebrating Christmas and will hopefully really appreciate our families more than ever this year, but at the same time Christmas can be expensive and bring added stress to provide the 'extras' that are part of our family celebrations. If anyone is struggling with the cost of Christmas this year please let Mrs Doherty know by Friday 27th November and maybe we can help.

Additionally, we may be able to help with purchasing some essential household items, such as, washing machines, fridges, clothing or groceries. If you let Mrs Doherty know what you need and she will certainly try and help and all applications will be treated in total confidence.

Thank you, Mrs Lynn Doherty (Parent Support Advisor)

Mrs Doherty's school mobile number is: 07930 806095. And all calls/ texts will be totally confidential.



STARTING NURSERY IN ESH WINNING?

Will your child turn 3 between now and 31 March 2021?

If so, you can register them to attend the local village nursery school at Esh Winning Primary.

Our nursery offers pre school quality child care in the heart of the village for both of our local primary schools and other villages.

Our vision is for nursery children to;

- learn through active involvement with people, materials, events and ideas
- Become independent, responsible and confident—ready for school and life
- Learn to plan many of their own activities, carry them out and talk to others about what they have done and what they have learned.
- Gain knowledge and skills in important academic, social and physical areas

"Vibrant & fun learning environment with fantastic outdoor learning areas providing stimulating learning experiences" OFSTED March 2013

Please contact us on 0191 3734701 for more information. Registration forms can be collected from our school office or downloaded from our school website www.eshwinning.durham.school.uk

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