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Esh Winning Primary School NEWSLETTER



I would like to thank all parents & families for your support over the last nine weeks of remote learning.

We know it's been a tough time for everyone but, whether your child has been at home or in school, they have all responded brilliantly to the situation and they are a credit to their families and the whole community.

I'm sure you'll agree that the whole team has worked incredibly hard to ensure the children get the best experience possible during this time; we have added thousands of posts to Seesaw, made hundreds of home visits and phone calls and I am incredibly proud of them all.

I sincerely hope this is the last time I have to write to you about closing and reopening the school again and that we can begin to make plans for the future when we can start to enjoy the freedom that we had before. Mrs Hodgson.



March	
8th	Return to school celebration
19th	Red Nose Day
26th	School breaks up for Easter
April	
12th	School resumes
May	
3rd	May Day Bank Holiday
28th	School breaks up for half term
June	
7th	School resumes
July	
16th	School breaks up for the summer
September	
01st	School resumes (Wednesday)
October	
22nd	School breaks up for half term
November	
01st	School resumes
December	
17th	School breaks up for Christmas
January '22	
04th	School resumes (Tuesday)



Mrs Miles is sadly leaving our school for a teaching post closer to her home.

Her last day in school with the pupils in Year 2M will be Friday 26th March, the day we break up for the Easter holidays.

On behalf of all the staff, governors and pupils we would like to thank Mrs Miles and wish her all the best for the future!



RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 19th March we will be selling a very limited number of red noses which can be bought for £1.50 each from the school office (please send in the correct money) . All children can also come into school dressed as their favourite Rockstar or in non-uniform and make a small donation of £1 towards this charity.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Ridley who will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday 12th April. She will be teaching the Year 2M class.

Thank you to all parents and pupils for adhering to our uniform and jewellery policies in school.

For Health and Safety reasons pupils should not wear earrings or any other jewellery for school. Please note, clear hole holders are allowed in school instead of earrings.

Dear Parents/Carers,



Please read guidance received from the Department for Education for the Easter holidays.

Schools and further education providers continue to play an important role in contact tracing and the national effort to limit the Spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). We recognise the challenges of this responsibility during holidays and would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Asking establishments to provide contact tracing support is a key part of the test and trace process, as schools and further education providers hold the data about close contacts and pupil contact details. We will continue to keep these arrangements under review and will continue to try to reduce the burden on staff.

We need to ask schools and further education providers to continue with contract tracing over Easter, similar to the arrangements over Christmas.

Staff, parents and carers only need to inform the school of a positive case where they developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in their education setting. You are asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in their education setting. The telephone number you should use to contact our school is **07379 033652** between 8am -4pm.

Where pupils or staff test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in an education setting, you are **not** required to take any action. Staff, students, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Staff do not need to be available for contact tracing duties beyond the first 6 days of the Easter holidays, at which point all positive cases should be dealt with through NHS Test and Trace. This means that where a school ends face-to-face education on Friday 26th March, there will be no need to remain on-call after Thursday 1st April.

Where pupils need to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case during the holidays, settings do not need to be informed about this until the first day of the Summer term (Monday 12th April).

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline 0800 046 8687 and PHE Advice Service will remain open over the Easter holidays to answer any questions you have about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education settings and children's social care.



All KS2 pupils to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are holding a Battle of the Bands (an in-school times tables competition) for all KS2 pupils in aid of Red Nose Day.

It is part of a UK-wide Rock Down Relief event run by Times Tables Rock Stars and will be the biggest times tables event in the country ever!

Starting on Friday 12th March and ending on Thursday 18th March 2021, the whole competition is done online via play.ttrockstars.com or the TT Rock Stars app. For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Jamming, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 9.30am and 3pm on Friday 12th to Thursday 18th inclusive.