



July 2021

Esh Winning Primary School NEWSLETTER

Oh my goodness.. Here we are almost at the end of another academic year, and what a year it has been! We are planning and preparing for September with hope, eagerness and excitement that we will have a fresh new start. Everyone is talking about what it may look like in September, but also hoping and praying that we do not have any bubble closures to disrupt yet more learning in school.

Thank you for your continued support. Thank you for your honest feedback that helps us to focus on what can or should be improved. Thank you for helping us to provide home-learning that has kept the learning journey going during the last two academic years. Thank you for sending your child to our school, and trusting us to do the job that we are passionate about.

I cannot end this term without saying a huge thank you to all my staff who have continued to do a fantastic job during the most stressful and confusing of times. I am immensely proud of all that is Esh Winning and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September. Onwards and upwards!!

Mrs Hodgson, Headteacher

Dinner Money / Free School Meals

School meal prices are increasing in September to **£2.15 daily / £10.75 per week** (for children in years 3-6). **Dinner money can be paid on the ParentPay system or via Paypoint at a local shop.** Paypoint cards can be purchased at a cost of £1.80 or codes are available from the school office. Accounts should be kept in credit for the week ahead, the office will prompt you if your child's account is low & we would appreciate prompt payment. **Two weeks notice** is also required when changing from school meals to packed lunches & visa versa.

Due to a Government initiative all Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils will be receiving a free hot meal. As a school we still need to know if your family would be entitled to claim free school meals if this initiative wasn't in place. Please can parents produce supporting evidence by **Friday 17th September** if you have not already done so. If you do not have any evidence, please call into the school office to speak to staff.

Staffing Update

There are several changes to staffing for September. Miss Flett (Yr 6 Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Richardson (Kitchen Assistant) are sadly leaving us at the end of this term & moving onto new adventures.

Miss O'Dowd will remain in Year 2 alongside Miss Turnbull. Miss King (Teaching Assistant) will be joining us in September to cover Mrs Usher's maternity leave. Miss King will work alongside Miss Burns (Teacher), who is joining us from another school based in Newcastle.

Dates

- July**
- 16th School breaks up for the summer
- September**
- 1st INSET Day—Teacher Training
- 2nd School resumes (Thursday)
- October**
- 21st School breaks up for half term
- 22nd INSET Day—Teacher Training
- November**
- 1st School resumes
- 26th INSET Day—Teacher Training
- December**
- 17th School breaks up for Christmas
- January 2022**
- 4th INSET Day—Teacher Training
- 5th School resumes (Wednesday)
- February**
- 18th School breaks up for half term
- 28th School resumes

Ordering your children's school uniform for September.

To order uniform, please go onto Tots to Teams website www.totstoteams.com and select our school from the alphabetical schools list.

Items available to purchase on their website include the following; PE Shorts, PE T shirts, Yellow polo shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans, coats & name tapes.

It normally takes approx. 6 weeks for orders to be received at this busy time of year, so please take this into account when you are ordering.

If you wish to order any adult sizes in any item, please ring Tots to Teams on 0191 271 5454 and they will add a temporary switch for you to process your order online. **Please note, any adult sizes ordered cannot be returned.**

Book Bags can still be ordered via the school office.

WATER SAFETY ADVICE

Did you know that a child can drown in as little as 2cm of water?

Around 402 people drown in the UK and Ireland every year and many more suffer injury, some life-changing, through non-fatal experiences. More people die from drowning in the UK and Ireland than from domestic fires or cycling accidents.

Drownings are easily preventable so we've created these easy-to-follow tips to make sure that you and your loved ones can enjoy water safely, at home and while outside.

Guide to water safety at home

IN THE GARDEN

- Never leave your child unattended around water. Children can drown in as little as 2cm of water
- Watch kids when they are in or around water, without being distracted
- Keep young children within arm's reach of an adult
- Securely cover all water storage tanks and drains
- Empty paddling pools, containers, buckets and watering cans, as soon as they have been used
- Always turn paddling pools and containers upside down once empty, so they do not collect water
- Securely cover all hot tubs and home spas as soon as possible after use
- Make sure older children are accompanied every time when they swim or use hot tubs
- Always install self-closing and self-latching gates, fences of at least four feet tall surrounding all sides of any pool, and locks to prevent children from gaining access to home pools or pools of water
- Install secure fencing around garden ponds (at least four feet high) to act as a barrier or add mesh or a grill on top of the pond (strong enough to support a child's weight without dropping below the surface of the pond water)



Always turn hosepipes off at the tap, so children cannot fill vessels themselves

INDOORS

- Always supervise bath time (**never leave children unattended**)
- Empty the bath as soon as possible after use
- Close toilet lids and use toilet seat locks to prevent drowning
- Keep doors to bathrooms and utility rooms closed



OPEN WATER SAFETY TIPS

Around 85% of accidental drownings occur at open water sites. Many of these drownings occur due to a lack of knowledge and understanding of open water safety. The basic principles of open water safety, combined with knowledge and understanding of the hazards, can increase the enjoyment of open water and significantly reduce the number of incidents that occur each year.

The benefits of swimming and dipping in open water are well documented. Not only does being in or on open water allow new adventure it also has documented benefits for both physical and mental wellbeing. All of these hazards can be controlled through proper organisation and planning.

Risks to consider in open water include:

- The shock of cold water can make swimming difficult and increase the difficulty in getting out of the water
- Lack of safety equipment and increased difficulty for rescue
- The height of the fall or jump if tombstoning
- The depth of the water – this changes and is unpredictable
- Underwater objects and hazards may not be visible
- Obstacles or other people in the water
- Strong currents can rapidly sweep people away
- Uneven banks and river beds



Water quality, e.g. toxic algal blooms and industrial/agricultural pollution

Know what to do in an emergency: learn first aid & CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation)

Esh Winning Primary are supporting the launch of RLSS UK's free online water safety toolkit - Lifesaver-Lifechanger that aims to teach whole families how to enjoy the water safely.

Use these links to become a Lifechanger. #lifesaverlifechanger #EnjoyWaterSafely #lifechangingskills @rlssuk