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Esh Winning Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Hodgson, Headteacher.

"This term has flown by with so many things squeezed into a very short period of time. I'd like to start this newsletter by celebrating our wonderful year 6 children. This group are the first, following the pandemic, to complete SATS. If you believe everything you read and hear, then children are doomed to fail because they have missed huge chunks of their education. This is not what we see at Esh Winning. Children are wanting to show what they know. They have worked hard, and handled the tests with grit, determination & energy. They are ready for the next stage of their education. I am confident that they will go on to achieve wonderful things. I along with all staff, am exceptionally proud of them, and I am sure, you are too. I look forward to helping them enjoy the last couple of weeks at Esh Winning"

PE BAGS. When pupils return to school in September they will no longer be coming to school in their PE kits on PE Days. We will be asking pupils to bring their PE kit bags into school on the Monday morning and the bag will stay in school until Friday home-time, when it should be taken to be washed. Please dig out your child's green school PE bag in readiness for September. Parents with children starting Reception class in September and children currently in Reception & year 1 will be provided with a free PE bag by school. If you have misplaced your child's PE bag, new ones can be ordered at the school office costing £4.

Dinner Money / Free School Meals

School meal prices are increasing in September to **£2.25 daily / £11.25 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 16th 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.

Parents/Carers/Grandparents! Do you love gardening and have some time to spare?

We are hoping to get the school garden back up and running, but need some dedicated helpers. We could possibly also run an after school Gardening Club for our green fingered pupils.

A school garden is a fantastic, practical resource which enables children to learn about the world around them, connect with

nature and get active. It can also aid social and emotional development and encourage healthy eating.

Would you be interested in volunteering to either help maintain the garden and or help with an after school club? Please contact the school office, thank you!

Staffing Update

There are a couple of changes to staffing for September. Miss Twedde will start her maternity leave & Mrs Brown is retiring at the end of July. Miss Turnbull & Miss Maughan will be remaining with us in September.

Please join us on Wednesday 6th July for our summer fayre after school in the school grounds! Everyone is welcome so please invite family & friends too!

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

Dates this term	
July	
4th	Royal Rainbow Week
4th	Year 1 – 6 Games Day
6th	Dress up as your decade
6th	Summer Fayre 3pm-6pm
7th	Afternoon Tea Party
8th	Parade
11th	Parents meetings offered
12th	Nursery Graduation
14th	Reception Class Games Day PM
14th	Year 6 leavers performance 5pm
15th	Reports out today!
20th	Pupils break up for the summer

Dates continued	
September	
5th	INSET Day—Teacher Training
6th	School resumes (Tuesday)
9th	Reception Roadshow 9.30am-2.30pm
October	
21st	School breaks up for half term
31st	School resumes
November	
25th	INSET Day—Teacher Training
December	
20th	School breaks up for Christmas