

# Esh Winning Primary School NEWSLETTER

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🔀 Welcome back everyone!

We have been looking forward to welcoming the children back into school this week. All of the staff have worked hard throughout the 6 weeks making sure that the school is deep cleaned, newly painted and that inspiring lessons are prepared. We can't wait to see the children in their new year groups and quickly settling into a brand new academic year.

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We welcome our new starters to Nursery and Reception next week and I look forward to seeing them learn and develop in our fantastic Early Years' Team. Nursery & Reception pupils and parents are also invited to attend our drop in event on Friday 8th September between 9.30am-2.30pm.

We work best when parents/carers and teachers/teaching assistants work as a team and have consistent messages and expectations. In order to help this along, we will be holding Parent Workshops for each year group over the next couple of weeks. At the meetings, teachers will go through routines, expectations, the curriculum etc for each year group, so that you have a good overview of how your child can be supported at school and at home. I hope that you are able to join us.

I look forward to catching up with many of you as the term progresses. Mrs Hodgson

#### **Breakfast Club!**

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Breakfast club is available for all pupils in school, Nursery Class up to Year 6. The club starts at 8am. Pupils should enter via the dining room doors. There is £1 cash charge per pupil per day for the club.

The food that will be available will be cereal & milk and toast & butter.

Durham County Council have increased **School Dinner prices** from 4th September 2023. **KS2 paid dinners will be £2.50 a day, £12.50 a week.** 

Please always ensure that dinner money is paid into Arbor **in advance** weekly or monthly. If your child wishes to change from school dinners to packed lunches or visa versa, please remember to inform the school office as soon as possible, as we need 2 weeks notice for any changes. Thank you!

# **TEA CLUB!**

Our after school provision "Tea Club" will resume from Wednesday 6th September. The provision offered is Monday to Friday at the end of the school day until 5.30pm.

The after-school provision "Tea Club" is priced in two categories; 3.15pm-4.30pm - £4 charge per day and 4.30pm-5.30pm - an additional £4 charge per day – this is childcare provision & includes a healthy light tea/snacks. Parents can collect their children at any time before 5.30pm. If your child attends from 3.15pm – 5.30pm, the total daily charge is £8.

Tea club must be booked on the school communications system Arbor.

Please be aware of the following rules for the club;

All bookings must be made by 10am on the day your child is attending.

All sessions will need to be paid for in advance at the time of booking.

Once a child is booked in, there is no amendment to the booking on the day.

# **PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!**

School starts at 8.50am prompt. It is extremely important your child arrives at school on time as work has been set for them to complete. Being 15 minutes late every morning for a week adds up to 1 hour and 15 minutes of school time lost, over a half term this is 7 and a half hours! This is more than a whole school day. Please ensure your child arrives on time and ready to work.

Absence Procedures Please remember the sickness absence procedures. School must be informed on the first day of absence before 9.30am. It is extremely important as any absences will be recorded as unauthorised if we have not had any explanation or reason why a pupil is absent from school. If your child is ill and unable to come to school, it may be possible for work to be completed at home. They may be well enough to undertake some tasks set by their class teacher. This will ensure they do not miss too much school work and on their return have an understanding of current topics discussed in class. If you feel your child is well enough to complete work at home please contact the school.

If you would like to receive this newsletter in a different format, please contact the school office. Thank you.

# After school Clubs starting w/c 11 September

Monday - Film Club FREE KS2 pupils Tuesday—Table Tennis Club FREE KS2 pupils Thursday - Sports £14 for 7 weeks KS1 pupils

# SWIMMING LESSONS THIS HALF TERM

Year 4T will be swimming this half term. 4M will have lessons after the October half term.

# Tuck Shop

This will be run by Year 6 pupils who will bring the tuck shop trolley into the KS2 yard at morning break time.

Please send in change (not notes) with your child. Fresh fruit 30p, Box of raisins 30p Other fruit based snacks 50p (fruit winders, soreen etc) Sugar free Jelly pots 50p

# 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.
- A basic, time telling watch is permitted. Vtech & smart watches are not permitted in school.
- Nail varnish is not allowed in school.
- School shoes should be black. Trainers are not allowed to be worn in school.
- Please also ensure all items of your child's uniform are clearly marked with their names to avoid items getting lost or taken by accident. Thank you

# HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

We all want your children to be safe, and ask for you co-operation on the following: DOGS Please be aware that dogs are NOT permitted on school premises.

SCOOTERS/BIKES Bikes & scooters are NOT permitted to be ridden anywhere in the school grounds, including through the car park.
Please always ensure your child dismounts before all of our school gates

We are delighted that our very own Miss Tweddle will be performing in the Beauty & The Beast Pantomime as Belle on 6th-9th December for the Ferryhill Stage Society. More information to follow!

#### PE BAGS!

A reminder for Parents of children in Reception to Year 6, please can all pupils bring their PE kit bags into school on a Monday morning and the bag should stay in school until Friday home-time, when it can be taken to be washed.

Parents with children starting Reception class in September will be provided with a free PE bag by school at the Reception Intake day on Friday 8th September.

#### NAMES IN UNIFORM!

Please can parents sew or iron name tags or write their child's name in ALL items of clothes brought into school. We cannot return lost property if we do not know who it belongs to. To help staff, please refresh writing after washing the garments. Thank you!

# **Dental/Medical Appointments**

If your child has a dental/medical appointment, please remember they must come to school first if at all possible. Please try to arrange any appointments out of school hours. Pupils do not need to be absent from school all day for an appointment which may only take half an hour. If they come to school first they will get their mark, even if this is only for a short period of time.





Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025?

If so, you need to complete an application online to tell us which school you would like your child to attend from September 2024.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. The easiest way to apply is online. if you are unable to apply online, paper application forms are available on request.

You still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school, or already has a sibling at the school. You will also need to apply for a place in Year 3 in a junior school for an older child.

Applications open 5 September 2023 and close midnight 15 January 2024.

For more information please contact

School Places and Admissions Team

www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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School has received complaints from a housing group regarding the litter being dropped by parents last term who were parking in Carmarthen Mews. Please use ourschool bins or take your litter home. Thank you!

## Home time arrangements

Please can parents let the school office or class teacher know if your child is going to be collected by anyone else other than the regular person at home time. This applies to all children throughout the school, **Nursery to Year 6.** Children can be made aware of who is collecting them, but unfortunately, we cannot allow pupils to go with another parent/person or walk home (older pupils) unless we have had this confirmed by their own parent/carer. Pupils can only be collected by an adult over 16y/o.

Year 5 & 6 pupils can walk home if their parent has sent in a consent letter to their class teacher beforehand.

# **Leave of Absence Forms**

Please note that only in exceptional circumstances can requests for a leave of absence be authorised. Thank you to those parents/carers who have followed the correct procedures. Parents now need to complete a leave of absence form stating the dates of the requested period and the exceptional circumstances why you are taking your child out of school during term time. After consultation with Governors it has been agreed that the circumstances below are seen as exceptional and authorised leave of absence will be granted for the following only: Wedding of a parent, Funeral of a close relative, National sporting activity. Any other request which does not fall into one of the above category's will be unauthorised.