



October 2023

Esh Winning Primary School



NEWSLETTER



Dates

October

- 4th Macmillan Coffee & Cake Day
- 10th World Mental Health Day
- 12th Reception Parent Lunches
- 13th Reception Parent Lunches
- 16th Parents Evening week
- 26th Halloween Discos & Reception Party
- 27th Harvest Festival
- 27th Break up for half term

November

- 6th INSET Day—School closed
- 7th School resumes
- 13th Anti Bullying Week
- 17th Children in Need day
- 23rd EYFS Christmas crafts with parents
- 23rd Non-uniform day for tombola items
- 28th Yr1-6 Christmas crafts with parents

December

- 1st Year 2 Christmas Performance
- 5th Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
- 6th Christmas Fayre
- 7th Yr 2-6 Pantomime @ Gala Theatre
- 8th Year 1 Christmas Performance
- 12th EYFS Christmas Performance
- 12th Year 1 Christmas Party
- 13th Year 2 Christmas Party
- 14th Year 3 Christmas Party
- 15th Santa Visit Day
- 15th KS2 Carol Service
- 15th Year 4 Christmas Party
- 18th Early Years Christmas Party
- 18th Year 5 Christmas Party
- 19th Year 6 Christmas Party
- 19th Break up for Christmas holidays

January '24

- 3rd School resumes (Wednesday)



Halloween Disco

Tickets will soon be on sale on Arbor for this year's Halloween Disco On **Thursday 26st October** £1 per ticket

This includes one hot dog & juice

Years 1, 2 & 3 will be 4.00pm-5.00pm
Year 4, 5 & 6 will be 5.15pm-6.15pm
Letters will be emailed shortly!



Harvest Festival

The harvest festival service will be held on

Friday 27th October in the

School Main Hall

Year 1, 2 & 3 at 9.30am

Years 4, 5 & 6 at 10.30am

Items kindly donated from home will be given to the **Durham Food Bank.**

A letter will be emailed home next week to suggest items the food bank is requesting

ASTHMA/INHALERS IN SCHOOL

If your child has Asthma please can you make sure their inhaler and spacer is in school.

Parents will need to complete our consent forms and bring in any paperwork from your GP.

Also if your child has a medical condition we are unaware of, please do let the school office know and we will meet and discuss the condition and any actions required by school.

Thank you!

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT – WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday 4th October we are holding a coffee morning/afternoon in our Ruby Community room. Parents, family & friends are invited to join us between 9.00am and 11.00am and then between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes to sell on the day. Parents can enter the Ruby room via the community library entrance. Every penny raised helps Macmillan Cancer Support make a difference to people affected by cancer. Please help us to help them.

Reminder for packed lunch boxes

Please can parents/carers ensure that if they are sending grapes in their children's packed lunch boxes, that the grapes are sliced longways in half first.

Healthy lunch box suggestions include:

Sandwiches in varying types of bread, fruit and vegetables (baby tomatoes, baby sweetcorn, Carrots & celery sticks), drinks should be still water or fruit juice.

Sweet suggestions include scones, malt-loaf, flapjack, yoghurt, teacakes

Savoury suggestions include rice cakes, breadsticks, a boiled egg and cheese & crackers.

NO CHOCOLATE, NUTS OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS, SWEETS OR FIZZY DRINKS ARE ALLOWED IN LUNCHBOXES, FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHER CHILDREN

This month, some of our Year 5 pupils are going to the Outward Bound Centre on Ullswater in the Lake District. The children will try lots of challenging outdoor activities, explore new places in the wild and experience the responsibility of living away from home. The children will return home with confidence, know their classmates better, have new skills and a fresh perspective on life. Have a fantastic time!



Flu Vaccinations

On Friday 27th October the NHS immunisation team will be in school to administer the nasal flu vaccination. This is available for children from Reception to Year 6. Information will be emailed to parents, please complete the online form as soon as possible. Thanks

Bumped heads!

It is our school policy to ring home every time your child bumps their head in school time. Please be patient with our staff ringing home, thank you.

On Thursday 26th October Nursery and Reception pupils will be having their own Halloween Party in class during the day. They are allowed to come into school dressed in their Halloween costumes.



PARENTS EVENINGS

Your child will bring home a letter inviting you to come in to talk to their class teacher about their progress this term. Please return the slip promptly to the class teacher so they can allocate you an appointment time. Thank you!

Darker days awareness. As the mornings and evenings are getting darker, please can parents talk to your children about their safety travelling to and from school.

Breakfast Club Notice.

Please note that breakfast club is for children to attend and eat their breakfast in school. Please **DO NOT** send any snacks, crisps or biscuits in with your child. 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.

On **Tuesday 10th October** it is **World Mental Health Day** and this year thousands of people will be wearing yellow to highlight and support the campaign #HelloYellow 2023.

We will also get involved by wearing yellow, there's no need to go out and buy something for this, children can wear their polo shirt over their jumpers, ribbons, accessories etc.

The theme we have decided to follow in school is **I AM ENOUGH.**

Annual Carved Pumpkin Competition!

Please bring your pumpkins into school on the morning of Thursday 26th October and they will be judged during the day. The 3 winning pumpkins will be given a prize. A winner will be picked from FSU, KS1 and KS2.

The pumpkins will be then be displayed in the school garden for all the children to enjoy but should be taken home at the end of the school day on Thursday 26th October.



Later this month, school is getting assessed for the highest accolade for play, the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Platinum Award.

Our children thoroughly enjoy the outdoor play facilities in our school grounds. Playtime is so important and school values making playtime such a special time for all our children.

Thank you to all the parents who support school by sending in items for OPAL throughout the year.

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

The school office continually collects used postage stamps which are forwarded to numerous local charities & these help raise funds for them. With the festive season fast approaching, please save any postage stamps from cards & letters for us. Thank you!