



December 2023

Esh Winning Primary School NEWSLETTER



School Christmas Fayre

On Wednesday 6th December 3.00pm-5.00pm

Please come along to support your school!

Lots of fabulous gift ideas at the stalls including Tombola, BINGO at 2pm, Decorate cake packs, Name the Toy, Scentsie, crafts, Parents Presents, Raffle, Scholastic book stall, Elves letters to Santa grotto, Reindeer Food, Salt dough ornaments, Wooden Christmas Decorations, Café serving hot and cold drinks & hot dogs, and much much more!

Everyone is welcome!

Welcome and Farewell!

We are very pleased to announce that we have been able to appoint a Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Graham and she will start at Esh Winning Primary School in January.

Mrs Graham will become the Year 4M teacher, which will mean that we will have to say a very sad goodbye to Miss Maughan. Miss Maughan is a fantastic member of our team and we have been very lucky to have Miss Maughan as a member of our staff for such a long time. We wish Miss Maughan the very best for her future and we know that she will be just as successful (and well-liked) in her next school.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself before starting my new role as Deputy Head teacher in January.

My name is Adele Graham and I am so excited to start my role alongside Mrs Hodgson and the fabulous school team at Esh Winning Primary School. I have been a senior leader for six years and a teacher for 11 years within a large primary school in County Durham.

I love singing, dancing and I play the piano. I am looking forward to Singing Assemblies and hope that there will be lots of opportunities for children to perform and show off their Performing Arts talents!

I love teaching and I am passionate about ensuring that every child thrives and reaches their full potential, in a nurturing and stimulating learning environment. The pastoral care and wellbeing of children and families are so important and I know that at Esh Winning ensuring the children are safe, happy and have the best learning experiences are top priority. I cannot wait to meet you all in person and support the children in their learning journey.

Wishing you a lovely Christmas and see you in the New Year! Mrs Adele Graham



Thank you to everyone who supported the British Legion and bought poppies from school for Remembrance Day.

Boxing & Gymnastics community Clubs

We are delighted to be running 2 new community clubs.

The **Boxing Club** is on a Thursday 4.15pm-5.00pm and is open to anyone 7 years old and older to adult. The club costs £4 a session for under 18's and £5 a session for over 18's.

The **Gymnastics Club** is on a Friday 4.15pm-5.00pm, it is open to any KS2 aged pupils living locally and costs £4 a session.

Please speak to our office staff if you are interested in joining 0191 3734701

Children in Need Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need day!

We raised £442 for the charity, WELL DONE!

Thank you to Allison Cook for making and donating the fabulous cake which we raffled and Joe-Lewis in Class 3 won! Sigourney in class 1 won the blush bear!

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

SCHOOL DINNERS

We order our food for school dinners in advance. We ask that ALL parents inform us at least **TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE** if they would like their children to change from packed lunches to school dinners or visa versa. Please be courteous and inform the school office to avoid food waste and un-necessary costs for our school. Thank you.

Thinking of the environment and climate change we only email newsletters out to Parents now. If you would like a paper copy of this newsletter to keep on your fridge or noticeboard for reference, please ask staff at the school office. Thanks

Class Christmas Parties The parties will be on the dates shown in dates for diaries! We are asking for £1 contributions towards the party food this year. Please pay in Arbor in 'trips'. Thank you!

Reminder to parents.

If you are arranging for someone different to collect your child from school, you need to write a note to the class teacher that morning explaining who will be collecting your child.

If there is a last minute change, please ring the school office before 2.30pm. Thank you.

Arriving Late

When pupils arrive late, they miss essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson. This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when a pupil arrives late they are often confused and unsettled about their tasks, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher – **everyone's education is compromised.**

If a child arrives at school 10 minutes late each day, this adds up to missing 6 entire days of school by the end of the year.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

Finally, please keep in mind our Breakfast Club is available for children from Reception to Year 6 and starts at 8.00am each morning. £1 per pupil per day payable by cash on the door.

Late Collection of Children at the End of the School Day

The impact on a child of not being picked up from school on time cannot be underestimated. The child that has been left behind can feel an increasing level of anxiety and distress the longer that they are unsure of where their parents are.

The impact on the school of having a child left behind at the end of the day is also great as staff will not be able to undertake their duties in preparation for children's learning the following day.

We are fully aware that there are frequently valid reasons or emergencies where parents/carers have been delayed and, when the school is informed in advance of this. If you are having difficulties regarding your child arriving at school on time or picking up at home time, please let us know and we can make an appointment to discuss your concerns.

DATES FOR DIARIES!

December

1st	Yr2 Christmas Performance at 2pm
5th	Christmas Dinner & Jumper day
6th	Christmas Fayre 3.00-5.00pm
7th	Yr 2-6 Pantomime at Gala Theatre
7th	Yr 1 & Rec Magical Science show
8th	Year 1 Christmas Performance
12th	Early Years Christmas performances
12th	Yr 1 Christmas Party
13th	Yr 2 Christmas Party
14th	Yr 5 & Yr 3 Christmas Party
15th	Santa Visit!
15th	KS2 Carol Service at 9.30am
15th	Year 4 Christmas Party
18th	Early Years Christmas Party AM
18th	OPAL Celebration at 2pm
19th	Yr 6 Christmas Party
19th	Break up for Christmas holidays

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3rd	School Resumes (Wednesday)
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February

15th	Break up for half term holidays
16th	INSET DAY school closed
26th	School resumes

March

28th	Break up for the Easter holidays
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April

15th	School resumes (Monday)
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May

6th	May Bank Holiday
13th	Year 6 SATS week
24th	Break up for half term holidays

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