



End of 1st half term

Esh Winning Primary School



NEWSLETTER



ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY 2022 Due to the additional Bank Holiday next year for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and this falling in the half term break, schools have been asked to choose an additional 1 day holiday this academic year and for us this will be Thursday 21st July 22. Please amend your diaries and calendars, thank you.



Dates

October

- 21st Break up for half term
- 22nd INSET Day—School closed

November

- 1st School resumes
- 1st Fancy Dress in school for Halloween
- 15th Anti Bullying Week
- 19th Children in Need day
- 25th Yr1-6 Christmas crafts with parents (TBC)
- 26th INSET Day—School closed



December

- 9th Christmas Meal & Jumper day
- 13th Santa Visit Day
- 15th KS2 Carol Service at 9.30am (TBC)
- 17th Break up for Christmas holidays

January '22

- 4th INSET DAY—school closed
- 5th School resumes (Wednesday)

PARKING REMINDER

We do understand that due to the recent wet weather parents are trying to park closer to school at the start and end of the day. This is causing traffic congestion for the local buses and making crossing the road hazardous for everyone. Please do not park on pavements or block drives in Carmarthen Mews. Please do not be unkind and thoughtless to local residents when you are parking inappropriately. Also, please can parents who do not have a **blue badge** refrain from parking in the schools designated disabled bays. This is stopping genuine disabled pupils and adults from being able to access the school.

The advice is for parents to whenever possible, walk their children to school or park slightly further away and walk the last few streets.

Our main priority is still the safety of our children and we strive to find solutions to your concerns with regards to parking near the school.

We would like to thank all those parents who are either walking their children to school or parking considerately & safely, we do appreciate your co-operation and on-going support.

Thank you for all the kind donations for the Harvest Festival. The food contributions were collected to go to the Durham Foodbank store on Wed 20th October.

Instead of holding the school discos this year, we are asking pupils & staff to come to school in a fancy dress costume or non-uniform on Monday 1st November.

After Half term we will be offering the following after school clubs. Letters were sent out last week.

Day	Year	Club Name	Cost
Monday	Years 5 & 6	Football Training	Free
Tuesday	Years 3 & 4	Sports Club SSP	Free
Wednesday	Years 3 & 4	Dance Club SSP	Free
Wednesday	Years 5 & 6	Netball Training	Free
Thursday	Years 1 & 2	Sports Games Club	£12 half term



BBC Children in Need fundraising

To support Children in Need this year on **Friday 19th November** pupils and staff can come into school wearing something yellow or spotty or in non-uniform clothes and make a £1 donation on the day to this fabulous charity!

Esh Winning Library is now open again!

Their opening hours are as follows:
Monday 9.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-5.30pm
Tuesday 1.30pm-4.30pm
Thursday 1.30pm-4.30pm
Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
Please continue to wear a mask, where possible, when entering the community foyer/library.
Thank you.

Bonfire Night and fireworks!

Celebrate bonfire night in the safest possible way by attending an organised fireworks display.

Safety

Around 1,000 people are injured by fireworks every year - 5% of those injuries are serious. The majority of firework-related injuries happen at family or private parties and around half of those are to children under the age of 17.

Did you know? A rocket can reach speeds of 150mph and sparklers are five times hotter than cooking oil.

Flu Vaccinations

On Monday 8th November the NHS immunisation team will be in school to administer the nasal flu vaccination. This is available for children from Reception and Years 1 to 6. Letters have been sent home. If you have misplaced the letter, you can give your consent as follows;

Go to <https://www.hdff.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>

Enter the School Code 114138 and click "Find School".

Complete the form with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information*.

Click the green "Submit" button.

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.

Santa is visiting our school on Monday 13th December.

Letters are coming out on 4th November for parents to complete the slip if you would like your child to see Santa. Slips **MUST** be returned by Thurs 25th November at the very latest.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

As a whole school we will be observing a minutes silence on 11th November.

A selection of poppies will be available for sale from the school office from £0.50p to £1 each. This year we are also selling wristbands at £1 and Zip Pulls and reflective tags at 50p. Please try to send the correct amount in with your child. Thanks.



We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor in school. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs Hattersley for more information before Friday 5th November.

This year School Christmas Dinner will be on Thursday 9th December.

If your child currently has a packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas Dinner on this day, please complete the slip on the letter which will be sent out on Monday 8th November and return it to the school office by

Thursday 21st November at the very latest.

Pupils already having a school dinner will automatically receive a Christmas dinner and do not need to return a form.

Children in KS1 will receive a free school dinner due to the current government initiative but for KS2 children, parents will need to pay £2.15 on our ParentPay System. Pupils and staff can also wear something Christmassy on this day. No donations required.

Bumped heads!

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

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 nearly upon us, please save any postage stamps from cards & letters for us. Thank you!