



December 2021



Esh Winning Primary School NEWSLETTER



School Christmas Markets on
Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th December
3.00pm-4.00pm

Please come along to support your school!

Lots of fabulous gift ideas at the stalls including Tombola, Cakes, Name the Toy, Scentsie, crafts, Parents Presents, Raffle, Dog Treats, Perfume, Osbourne Books, Pre-loved book stall, Reindeer Food, Salt dough ornaments, Christmas Decorations, Café serving drinks & hot dogs, mulled festive drink and much much more!

Each year group will have a stall outside their classroom
Everyone is welcome!

November Attendance

Below are our attendance percentages for November, **a very big well done to Year 2 for being at the top of our Attendance Leader Board!** Please remember for your child to reach their full potential they must attend school every day unless they are ill, poor attendance results in your child having less opportunities later in life. We will be rewarding those children with above 96% at the end of the Autumn Term.

Year 2 – 96.6% Year 1 – 96.5% Year 5 – 95.1% Year 4 – 94.9% Year 3 – 94.8% Year 6 – 93.8%

Recep – 92.5% Overall School percentage – 94.9% **An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.**

We monitor attendance regularly in school, daily, weekly and a more in-depth analysis every 3 weeks. This looks at not just a child's percentage attendance but any absence patterns and reasons for absence. Following the analysis for those pupils where attendance is a concern appropriate action will be taken, this can be a meeting in school, a parent phonecall, a letter home or the involvement of outside agencies such as the School Nurse. We will help and support families to increase their child's attendance however if parents are unwilling to engage and work with the school we will discuss individual children with the Attendance and Improvement Team, Durham County Council. This would lead to further action being taken and a possible fine if your child's attendance does not improve.

Class start and finish times will return to normal after the Christmas Holidays.

Nursery times are; 08.45am-11.45am and 12.30pm-3.30pm

School times are; Class starts at 08.50am and finishes at 3.10pm

Please ensure your child is in school on time every day and read the statistics below.

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.

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.

Children in Need Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need day! We raised £505.50 for the charity, WELL DONE! Thank you to Allison Cook for making and donating the fabulous cake which we raffled. Jessie in Class 2 and her brother Taylor in Class 1 won the cake, and Harper in Nursery won the Pudsey ceramic money box and Logan H In class 5 won the soft Pudsey and headband. We hope you all enjoyed them!

Mobile phones in the school Grounds.
Please try and greet your child with a smile, not a mobile. We would also ask for safe-guarding reasons, that parents do not take photographs with any other children in the background while in the school grounds. 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.

Wellies

As the season is changing, we would be very grateful if parents could send a pair of wellies in to school for their child. Children should be reminded that they do not go onto the grass unless they have their wellies on.

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.

On **Tuesday 14th December** we are having a **Festive Fun Run** for all pupils led by Durham Schools Sports Partnership. This will take place in the morning. Pupils are asked to wear their trainers/plimsoles and something Christmassy!

Class Christmas Parties

The parties will be on the following dates, please. Letters were sent home with detailed information for your child's class yesterday. We are asking for £1 contributions towards the party food this year.

- Mon 13th December - Year 2
- Tues 14th December - Year 3
- Wed 15th December - Nursery, Reception & Yr 1
- Thurs 16th December - Year 4, 5 & 6

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

We are always looking for items for our outdoor play and learning areas. If you have any pre-loved sand toys or pots and pans, wooden spoons, buckets or tupperware, we would be very grateful if you could bring them in to the school office for our children to use at playtimes. Thank you!

Dates	
December	
7th	Christmas Market 3.00-4.00pm
8th	Christmas Market 3.00-4.00pm
9th	Christmas Market 3.00-4.00pm
9th	Christmas Dinner & Jumper day
13th	Santa Visit!
13th	Year 2 Christmas Party
14th	Festive Fun Run!
14th	Year 3 Christmas Party
15th	Nursery Christmas Party
15th	Reception Christmas Party
15th	Year 1 Christmas Party
16th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Parties
17th	Break up for Christmas holidays
January 2022	
4th	INSET DAY school closed
5th	School Resumes
February	
18th	Break up for half term holidays
28th	School resumes
March	
No events as yet	
April	
8th	School breaks up for Easter
25th	School resumes
May	
2nd	May Day Bank Holiday
9th	Year 6 SATS week
27th	School breaks up for half term
June	
6th	INSET Day school closed
7th	School resumes
July	
20th	Break up for the summer holidays

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