



January 2022

Esh Winning Primary School NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year 2022!

We want to welcome everyone back and wish you a Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a good break and managed to spend time with your friends and families. The children have come back to school enthusiastic to continue their learning and are excited for what the term ahead holds in store.

As you will have noticed we have already had some very cold and wet weather last week. Please make sure that your child comes into school each day with an appropriate coat, jumper/fleece and shoes. Please can you make sure all items of clothing including jumpers, hats, gloves are labelled with your child's name as these things can easily go missing. In the case of severe weather warnings please keep an eye on the school website, Facebook and Seesaw for information on possible school closures.

Please remember that children are asked to wear wellies if they are going on our grassed areas in school. We have sets of wellies in school if this would be helpful—just let the school office or class teacher know.

Before Christmas we had a number of bugs and illnesses circulating. If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea please remember they should stay off school for 48 hours. If your child is generally unwell, we would ask that you consider if they should be in school or if they are better off at home.

Please continue to look at Seesaw and view our school website and Facebook page for all our new themes, class news and what is happening in our exciting lessons this coming term. As always, you know you can contact me if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Mrs Hodgson, Head Teacher.

Please note, young adults MUST be 16 year old or above to pick up pupils from our school.

PE timetable this half term

Monday Yr 2, Reception, Nursery PM & Yr 5
Tuesday Nursery AM, Yr 2 & Yr 6
Wednes Reception, Yr 4 & Yr 3
Thursday Yr 1
Friday Yr 1, Yr 3, Yr 5 & Yr 6
Year 4 are swimming every Wednesday AM

Dates

February

7th Yr 5 & 6 Weardale Adventure trip week
18th Break up for half term holidays
28th School resumes

March

3rd World Book day

April

08th School breaks up for Easter
25th School resumes

May

2nd 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

This year SATS WEEK is

Monday 9th—Friday 13th May 2022.

It is most important that all year 6 pupils attend school during this week.

CHRISTMAS MARKET INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone who came to the 3 Christmas Markets, we raised an amazing £1483.25 for school funds!

PRIZE WINNERS LIST

Name the Monkey winner was Destiny in Yr 5, who correctly guessing 'Cheeky'.
Guess the weight of the cake was won by Leo in Yr 2
The Chocolate Hamper was won by Mrs Ellison
The 2 Christmas Food Hampers were won by Hallie A & Ms A Ward.

School Office

Please note the changes to the office opening times;
Monday 8.00am—4.30pm
Tuesday 8.00am—4.30pm
Wednesday 8.00am—3.30pm
Thursday 08.00—4.30pm
Friday 08.00—4.00pm

It is vitally important to check children's bags for Letters daily. Please also check your emails, texts and follow our Facebook page. Thanks

Jewellery Thank you for supporting our "No Jewellery" policy. For Health and Safety reasons pupils should not wear earrings or any other jewellery for school. A sensible watch is permitted. Nail varnish is not school policy

ATTENDANCE FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2021

Well done to Year 1 for being at the top of our leader board with **95%**
88 pupils arrived at school late this term – **35%** of all pupils.

Please remember the importance of your child arriving to school on time as missing the first part of any lesson can be disruptive and unsettling, both for children and for the rest of the class.

Place Class Percentages

1st Year 1 with 95%, **2nd** Year 2 with 94.5%, **3rd** Year 5 with 94.3%, **4th** Year 6 with 94.1%
5th Year 4 with 93.4%, **6th** Year 3 with 93.3% and **7th** Reception class with 90.9%

Late

We still have some pupils arriving late. Please remember school starts at 8.50am. 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 is ready to work.

Attendance

Please remember your child **must** attend school unless they are ill or have permission from the headteacher. Please remember to phone on the first day your child is absent before 9.30am. If we have not heard from you by 9.30am then you will be contacted by the school office. If we can't contact you, a member of staff may come to your house to check everything is okay. If we are still concerned and still not had any contact, we will ring First Contact as this potentially is a safeguarding concern. As a school we must ensure our pupils access the best possible opportunities available in relation to their education and life long learning therefore all pupils must attend school unless they are ill. If your child is absent and the school believes this is not an authorised absence, we will contact the Education Welfare Officer to discuss your child's absence percentage.

Leave of Absence Forms

Thank you to those parents/carers who have followed the correct procedures in relation to requesting a leave of absence due to exceptional circumstances. When completing the leave of absence form for Mrs Hodgson please remember to state when, how long for and **why** you are requesting to take your child out of school during term time. The School Governors have recently reviewed the system in place and some changes have been agreed to 'exceptional circumstances'. Once Mrs Hodgson has received your form you will be sent a letter and a copy of the signed form stating whether the absence will be authorised or un-authorised and we may request more information from yourself or employers.

Durham County Council's Fixed Penalty Notice Protocol acknowledges that regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for pupils to maximise their educational opportunities.

Circumstances where a Penalty Notice might be issued include unauthorised leave of absence in term time, or other parentally condoned absence where the absence amounts to **seven school days or more in a minimum twelve rolling school week period**. You can be prosecuted if you receive a fixed penalty notice and it is not paid.

Dental/Medical Appointments

If your child has a dental/medical appointment, please remember they must come to school first if at all possible. 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.

Sickness Absence

If your child is ill and unable to come to school, please inform the school office daily before 9.30am. 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 school.