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Esh Winning Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Hodgson, Headteacher.

As we end another academic year, I am thankful for all of the positives this year. A superb team working together to ensure that all of our children are offered the best possible education. It was great that this was recognised by Ofsted—hard to believe that this happened just this term!! Being thankful, and reflecting on this year, is tinged with sadness as we are saying “Goodbye” to a couple of key members of staff.

Mrs Morris, who has worked with us for 18 years as a cleaner, lunchtime supervisor and breakfast club assistant retires in August. Thank you Mrs Morris for the dedication, commitment and kindness that you’ve shown each and everyday! Enjoy your retirement—well deserved!

Mrs Grainger, who will be a huge miss. I know that Mrs Grainger has been a part of so many of the lives of families in Esh Winning, and so many of you have fantastic stories of how she has helped, supported, been a champion for you and your children. We all wish Mrs Grainger the very best of luck at Silver Tree Primary—You will be brilliant!!

Finally, a huge congratulations to Mr McCauley who will start his teacher training with us in September. How lucky are we?

Good luck to all of our pupil leavers. We wish you all the success in the world!

I hope that you have a wonderful summer, take care, Mrs Hodgson

PE BAGS!

A reminder for Parents of children in Reception to Year 6, please can all pupils bring their PE kit bags into school on a Monday morning and the bag should stay in school until Friday home-time, when it can be taken to be washed.

Parents with children starting Reception class in September will be provided with a free PE bag by school at the Reception Intake day on Friday 8th September.

NAMES IN UNIFORM!

Please can parents sew or iron name tags or write their child’s name in ALL items of clothes brought into school. We cannot return lost property if we do not know who it belongs to. To help staff, please refresh writing after washing the garments. Thank you!

Dates continued	
September	
4th	INSET Day—Teacher Training
5th	INSET Day—Teacher Training
6th	School resumes (Wednesday)
8th	Reception Roadshow 9.30am-2.30pm
October	
27th	School breaks up for half term
November	
6th	School resumes
24th	INSET Day—Teacher Training
December	
19th	School breaks up for Christmas (Tues)

Dinner Money / Free School Meals

School meal prices are increasing in September to **£2.50 daily/£12.50 per week** (for children in years 3-6).

Dinner money should be paid on the Arbor system. Accounts should ALWAYS be kept in credit for the week ahead, the office will prompt you if your child's account is low & we would appreciate prompt payment. **Two weeks notice** is also required when changing from school meals to packed lunches & visa versa. If your child wishes to change meal patterns when we return in September, please let the office know by Friday 21st July.

Due to a Government initiative all Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils will be receiving a free hot meal. As a school we still need to know if your family would be entitled to claim free school meals if this initiative wasn't in place. Please can parents produce supporting evidence by **Friday 8th September** if you have not already done so. If you do not have any evidence, please call into the school office to speak to staff.

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

WATER SAFETY ADVICE

Did you know that a child can drown in as little as 2cm of water?

Around 402 people drown in the UK and Ireland every year and many more suffer injury, some life-changing, through non-fatal experiences. More people die from drowning in the UK and Ireland than from domestic fires or cycling accidents.

Drownings are easily preventable so we've created these easy-to-follow tips to make sure that you and your loved ones can enjoy water safely, at home and while outside.

Guide to water safety at home IN THE GARDEN

- Never leave your child unattended around water. Children can drown in as little as 2cm of water
- Watch kids when they are in or around water, without being distracted
- Keep young children within arm's reach of an adult
- Securely cover all water storage tanks and drains
- Empty paddling pools, containers, buckets and watering cans, as soon as they have been used
- Always turn paddling pools and containers upside down once empty, so they do not collect water
- Securely cover all hot tubs and home spas as soon as possible after use
- Make sure older children are accompanied every time when they swim or use hot tubs
- Always install self-closing and self-latching gates, fences of at least four feet tall surrounding all sides of any pool, and locks to prevent children from gaining access to home pools or pools of water
- Install secure fencing around garden ponds (at least four feet high) to act as a barrier or add mesh or a grill on top of the pond (strong enough to support a child's weight without dropping below the surface of the pond water)



Always turn hosepipes off at the tap, so children cannot fill vessels themselves

INDOORS

- Always supervise bath time (**never leave children unattended**)
- Empty the bath as soon as possible after use
- Close toilet lids and use toilet seat locks to prevent drowning
- Keep doors to bathrooms and utility rooms closed



OPEN WATER SAFETY TIPS

Around 85% of accidental drownings occur at open water sites. Many of these drownings occur due to a lack of knowledge and understanding of open water safety. The basic principles of open water safety, combined with knowledge and understanding of the hazards, can increase the enjoyment of open water and significantly reduce the number of incidents that occur each year.

The benefits of swimming and dipping in open water are well documented. Not only does being in or on open water allow new adventure it also has documented benefits for both physical and mental wellbeing. All of these hazards can be controlled through proper organisation and planning.

Risks to consider in open water include:

- The shock of cold water can make swimming difficult and increase the difficulty in getting out of the water
- Lack of safety equipment and increased difficulty for rescue
- The height of the fall or jump if tombstoning
- The depth of the water – this changes and is unpredictable
- Underwater objects and hazards may not be visible
- Obstacles or other people in the water
- Strong currents can rapidly sweep people away
- Uneven banks and river beds



Water quality, e.g. toxic algal blooms and industrial/agricultural pollution

Know what to do in an emergency: learn first aid & CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation)

Esh Winning Primary are supporting the launch of RLSS UK's free online water safety toolkit - Lifesaver-Lifechanger that aims to teach whole families how to enjoy the water safely. Use these links to become a Lifechanger. #lifesaverlifechanger #EnjoyWaterSafely #lifechangingskills @rlssuk

Arbor!

Thank you to all the parents who have downloaded the school parent app/portal. We now have 96% signed up!

Those not already signed up, please note that from September all bookings for after school clubs will be via the app, not by letter. Please ring the office if you need help getting the app/portal downloaded.

When paying for trips (residential or day) & clubs, please ALWAYS write in the narrative box to state which trip your payment is for. Thank you!

Ordering your children's school uniform for September.

To order uniform, please go onto Tots to Teams website www.totstoteams.com and select our school from the alphabetical schools list.

Items available to purchase on their website include the following;

PE Shorts, PE T shirts, Yellow polo shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans, coats & name tapes.

It normally takes approx. 6 weeks for orders to be received at this busy time of year, so please take this into account when you are ordering.

If you wish to order any adult sizes in any item, please ring Tots to Teams on 0191 271 5454 and they will add a temporary switch for you to process your order online. **Please note, any adult sizes ordered cannot be returned.** Book Bags can still be ordered via the school office.