



November 2023

# Esh Winning Primary School NEWSLETTER

## EVERY DAY COUNTS—ACHIEVING SUCCESS!

Pupils with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more. Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life

**On Friday 24th November we are holding a non-uniform day in school and asking parents to send in something for the Christmas Fayre Tombola stalls. Thank you!**

**This year School Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday 5th 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 Wednesday 8th November and return it to the school office by Thursday 16th 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 £2.50 on the Arbor System.**

**Pupils and staff can also wear something Christmassy on this day. No donations required.**

**Please can ALL parents check their child's uniform / coats / PE items and write names inside all items that are sent into school. It is frightening how many items are brought to the school office as lost property, with NO Names inside for us to be able to return them to the rightful owner. 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.



Please can all parents remind and ensure that your children **do not ride their scooters or bikes** whilst in the school grounds. Pupils should dismount at the school gates (including the car park gate) and walk from there to our bike storage areas. Please help us to keep our grounds safe for children & adults.

Santa is visiting our school on Friday 15th December. Letters will be emailed out on 8th November. **If you would like your child to see Santa, please sign up in the Arbor app under trips by Friday 24th November at the very latest.**



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

As a whole school we will be observing a minutes silence on 10th 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.



## Dates

### November

- 6th INSET Day school closed
- 7th School resumes
- 13th Anti Bullying Week– wear odd socks
- 17th Children in Need day
- 24th Non-uniform Day - Xmas tombola

### December

- 5th Christmas Dinner & Jumper day
- 6th Christmas Fayre 3.00-5.00pm
- 7th Yr 2-6 Pantomime at Gala Theatre
- 15th Santa Visit!
- 20th Break up for Christmas holidays

### January 2024

- 3rd School Resumes (Wednesday)

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

**Reminder the November INSET Day has been changed and is now on Monday 6th November, the Monday after the half term holidays. School resumes on Tues 7th November.**



## Children in Need

This year Children in Needs theme is 'We're there for you!'.

### **SPOTacular theme on FEEL GOOD FRIDAY!**

We are asking the children and staff on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** to come into school dressed up or out of school uniform! The theme we have set is 'SPOTacular' or come in non-school uniform! We are asking for **£1.00 donation to go to Children in Need**. Children can wear face paints but please can we remind you that no makeup or jewellery is allowed to be worn in school.

### **Wristbands, Pens and Pin Badges**

The school office will be selling the official wristbands, and Pudsey pin badges for £1 each from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. There will be a very limited number of these available, so please be considerate and only buy 1 item per child. Pupils are allowed to wear these bands and badges all week 13-17<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Decorate a cup cake!**

The school are providing cup-cakes and icing for each child to decorate a cupcake in class. The children can then bring their cake home with them. **Please could parents send children into school with a few small decorations to add to their cake e.g. a wafer daisy, dolly mixtures or chocolate buttons.** We will not have spare decorations in school.

### **Cake & Blush Bear Raffle!**

We will also be selling raffle tickets for a fabulous "Children in Need" cake. Raffle tickets will be £1 each. Please call into the school office on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November to see the cake and blush bear and buy a ticket to win them! Parents can also look online at [www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk](http://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk) for some exclusive children's wellbeing information and resources.

## **Anti-Bullying Week Monday 13th-Friday 17th November**

### **Top tips to help prevent bullying;**

- Be a good role-model in the way you talk about and treat others—your child will learn that everybody deserves respect
- Model empathy for others—talk about how other people might feel in different situations: in real-life, TV programmes, books, films and play.
- Talk openly about what bullying is and how it feels—see the checklist
- Make it safe for children to talk about bullying—let them know you won't make them feel silly whatever their worries.
- Talk to children about different sorts of bullying. As well as physical harm, threats and taking stuff, it can include name-calling, leaving someone out (exclusion), rumour spreading and forcing children to do something they don't want to do. All of these can be as hurtful and humiliating as physical bullying.

### **Quick Checklist: What bullying is (and isn't!).**

1. Goes on for a while, or happens regularly.
2. ...is deliberate. The other person wants to hurt, humiliate or harm the target.
3. ...involves someone (or several people) who are stronger in some way than the person being bullied. The person doing the bullying has more power, they are older, stronger, there are more of them or they have some 'hold' over the target (e.g. they know a secret about them).

### **Because these three things have to happen together for something to be called 'bullying', bullying is not:**

- A one off fight
- A friend sometimes being nasty
- An argument with a friend

### **Keep safe from Cyber-bullying!**

1. Always ask before you send a picture or information that could be shared with other people. Remember that you don't know what will happen to any pictures or information you let people have. What you think of as a joke might really be upsetting for the other person when the whole world sees it.
2. Think before you send a message about yourself or any other people involved. It doesn't take long for it to be shared with every single person you know (from your best friend to your grandmother to your worst enemy!).
3. Never give out personal information when it can be shared with others. You may trust your new friends, but you don't know his or her friends..
4. Treat passwords like your toothbrush—don't let anyone else use it!
5. If you receive nasty messages, texts, comments etc., block the person sending them and always reports it to an adult (a parent, someone at school, or your service provider).
6. Don't reply to a bullying message but do keep it—whether it is a picture, message or online communication. For more information see [www.kidscape.org.uk/cyberbullying/](http://www.kidscape.org.uk/cyberbullying/)