



# Edmondsley Primary School

19/10/15

## Harvest Celebration

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Celebration and the generous gifts you donated. The display looked great and the singing was beautiful!

Mrs Cornish and some parents organised the distribution of the donations you gave. Elderly people in the community and local Care Homes have benefitted from the fresh produce and the Salvation Army will distribute the tinned/package items to those most in need. From our raffle, we raised £159 for school funds.

## HOOPSTARZ

On Thursday, Mrs Baker, our PE leader, has organised a visit from HOOPSTARZ. They will be in school all day teaching us to hula hoop!

Specially weighted hoops will be available to buy at a cost of £4.00 each. Money will be collected by the class teacher and passed to Miss Baker, our office manager, who will be selling the hoops.

## Artwork for Christmas

Your children's artwork has been uploaded to the web site and is ready for ordering. Every effort has been made to correctly read and type the children's names but inevitably there will be one or two that require amendment. Good news! This year, the company has enabled parents to amend their children's names at the point of order so you don't have to worry if a name has been misread – you can change it!

Please go to [www.mychildsart.co.uk](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk).

Username: Edmondsley

Password: EPS2015

## E-Safety

Following an incident in a primary school where children received obscene images and messages (which may not have originated in this country) we would like to remind schools to try and engage parents with online safety issues.

Both Instagram and Twitter have a minimum age policy of 13. Whilst many parents choose to allow younger children to use these services we cannot recommend this. To keep their children safe on social media parents should ensure that the correct privacy settings are enabled, and that appropriate adult supervision is provided.

Further information is available at the NSPCC site Net Aware

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

## Winner of Fire Safety Competition

Thank you for all of the entries for the recent Fire Safety Competition run by High Handenhold Fire Station, they were all excellent. Congratulations to Daisy! She has been voted the winner of the Fire Safety Competition from hundreds of entries. Daisy will now attend the station to receive her award and take part in the training session. Well done!

### New Look Website

We have a new look website that has gone live, to view our new website please go to -

<http://www.edmondsley.durham.sch.uk/>

Newsletters will begin to be uploaded weekly onto our new school website after October half term unless it contains a feedback form or other reply forms.

### Free Tickets for Lumiere.

Thank you for all the plastic bottles. We now have more than enough to create Durham Cathedral's Rose Window.

Tickets for the Durham Lumiere are now on sale. They are limited to 6 per household. If you are collecting tickets for two separate households you will need to take ID for both.

Tickets are free when collected in person from the Gala Theatre, or the following Durham County Customer Access Points:

- Barnard Castle
- Chester-le-Street
- Consett
- Crook
- Seaham
- Spennymoor
- Stanley

You can also book tickets online or by telephone through Ticketmaster (£1 booking fee per ticket and additional postage/printing fees are charged by Ticketmaster).

Book online at [www.ticketmaster.co.uk/lumiere](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/lumiere) or call Ticketmaster on 0844 844 0444 (Calls to 0844 numbers cost 7p per minute plus your phone company's access charge).

### Spooky School Dinner

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October we will be having a Super Spooky School Dinner. All children are invited to take part in the special dinner which will serve Petrifying Pepperoni Pizza or Creepy Cheese Melts and Spine Chillingly Chocolate Orange Cake.

If children who normally have packed lunch would like to join in with the dinner they will need to bring £1.95 in to school by Thursday.

### Selected Charities

Thank you for all of the responses to the recent charity questionnaire we sent out in the Newsletter. We have collated all of the replies and the three charities you have chosen to support this year are;

1. Guide dogs for the blind
2. The Special Care Baby Unit
3. Leukaemia

Further details about each event will follow in due course.

### School Closure

Just a reminder that this Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, school is closed for a Staff Training Day.

We will reopen as normal on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.

Have a lovely Half Term.