



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1

4th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you all a Very Happy New Year and we hope you have all had a restful and festive Christmas. We would also like to say a huge thank you for your generosity with Christmas gifts and cards, they were very much appreciated by all staff.

Spring term – We are pleased to welcome Mr Deakin back to school and we hope that he soon settles back in to school life. Mrs Curry will remain with us for the foreseeable future to provide additional support to children in various classes across our school.

Collective Worship - As a Church of England Primary School, Collective Worship takes place on a daily basis and is an opportunity for the children to come together as a school family. Worship is an area of church school life which presents special opportunities to promote spiritual and religious developments and it also has the potential to contribute to faith nurture, providing a means by which all pupils – both those of the faith and those from other backgrounds – may understand more about the Christian faith, while experiencing and learning about worship and what it means to those who take part. It is recognised that pupils in our church school come from a wide variety of backgrounds and the school community is sensitive to this.

Collective worship reflects the Christian vision, values and ethos of our school and is delivered through drama, readings, power points and discussion. Staff attend regular training to deliver Collective worship that covers four main areas – Gather, Engage, Respond and Send. Children participate in the worship and enjoy singing hymns and other songs that are linked to the termly theme.

We also welcome Reverend Maxine and Yoyo to deliver termly collective worship sessions for the children and other visitors are also invited to share their knowledge, faith and cultural experiences with us. Our children welcome any visitors and thoroughly enjoy learning in these specific sessions.

This term our theme is Courage and for Christians 'having courage' or 'strength to carry on' is linked to faith in God's promises - promises of God's presence, protection and power. When we encourage others we are helping them to find courage. One of the most often repeated commands of God in the Bible is 'do not be afraid'. It is said that it comes at least 365 times - once for every day of the year! Christians recognise that human courage alone is sometimes not enough. They need the assurance of God's help and presence to stick to what they know is right.

Collective worship is also linked to our school values and rules which we refer to regularly to ensure that all of our children have the opportunity to FLOURISH whilst in our care.

Uniform – please can we remind you that the full school uniform is listed on the school website and if you need to purchase any items with the logo then you can do so via the PTA second hand shop or via <https://school-shop.co.uk/school/escrick-ce-primary-school/> Although the weather is wet and cold please can we also ask that children have proper school shoes to wear in school (if children are wearing wellies to school then these can be changed upon arrival into class). Children are permitted to bring dark coloured leggings/ jumpers (no logos) to wear for PE lessons if they are outdoors. Don't forget to label all items to avoid losing them. Thank you.

Class newsletters - these will be distributed at the end of this week so please read carefully so that you are aware of the specific information for your child's teaching and learning.

Attendance and Absence - We are now in the Spring term of the academic year and we would like to continue to celebrate high attendance, each and every minute in school counts.

We appreciate that at times children are ill but we also need to emphasise the importance of good attendance as this impacts on learning outcomes and is key to success in careers. If your child is ill, then please email or telephone school. Upon your child's return it is essential that you put in writing the reason and dates for their absence, this is a statutory requirement. Also if your child is absent and you have not informed us by 9.15am as to their whereabouts we will contact you and your child may be recorded as unauthorised absence.

We would like to encourage good attendance and would value your views regarding a rewards system for 98 + % attendance over a half term. If you would be able to offer any suggestions and/or ideas for rewards, then we would love to hear about them. Please either drop us an email or talk to me at drop off/pick up time. Thank you in advance.

Thank you to the PTA and all who supported the various Christmas events as over £1000 was raised for enriching school opportunities. The date of the next meeting will be confirmed next week.

Key Dates –

Friday 13th January @ 2.40pm – Celebration Assembly Years 4, 5 and 6

Friday 20th January @ 2.40pm – Celebration Assembly Years 2 and 3

Friday 27th January @ 2.40pm – Celebration Assembly Reception and Year 1

Wednesday 1st February @ 2.30pm – Parents Drop In session for tea and cake – Open for all parents to attend

Friday 3rd February – Key Stage 2 worship group to lead celebration assembly

Thursday 9th February – Year 5 to Young Voices

With very best wishes for the term ahead. Miss Emma E Miller

'Every person is an individual and also part of a community'