



## ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday in Celebration Assembly the following children received the **Headteacher awards:**  
**Reception – Evie** for great effort and determination with her reading. Well done, super progress.

**Year 1 – Huey** for trying really hard in reading, writing and maths.

**Year 2 – Isaac A** for showing unbelievable courage in his swimming sessions. Great resilience!

**Year 3 – Rinan** for showing great enthusiasm and effort in all subjects.

**Year 4 – Henry C** for coming to school every day with a HUGE smile and always trying his very best. Thank you.

**Year 5 – Addison** for really good progress in maths AND an impressive paragraph about the Mediterranean.

**Year 6 – Alfie BG** for showing excellent resilience with his handwriting and taking great pride in his work, well done.

Well done to the following children for receiving **Writer of the Month Award for December**

**Year 6 – Jacob**

**Year 5 – Noah**

**Year 4 – Bea**

**Year 3 – Chloe**

**Year 2 – Holly**

**Year 1 – Henry L**

**Rec – Noah M**

**Teachers' Strikes** - You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March in our region. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on these dates and there may be a partial closure of the school. At the moment, I am unable to give you further details.

I recommend that you start to consider alternative childcare arrangements for these dates. I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

As a trust, school leaders are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of the arrangements as soon as possible.

**Attendance and Absence** – There were some improvements in some year groups last week and equally there were more absences in other classes. Overall 95% and above is good attendance and we are really pleased that you are supporting us with this.

Reception – 97.0%

Year 1 – 95%

Year 2 – 97.4%

Year 3 – 99.3%

Year 4 – 97.9%

Year 5 – 97.1%

Year 6 – 96.5%

**Ofsted report** – Thank you to those parents that sent supportive and kind words following the email from our Chair of Governors and the Ofsted report that was sent to parents last week. As a school we were really pleased to be able to share the final report with you and celebrate the findings with you.

**NSPCC Number Day** - On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, we are marking Number Day in school with a special assembly and fun maths activities in classes throughout the day, including budgeting for various tasks, code breaking and active maths games.

**Key Dates – new dates in bold**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January @ 2.40pm – Celebration Assembly Reception and Year 1

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February @ 2.30pm – Parents Drop In session for tea and cake – all parents welcome

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February @ 2.30pm – Key Stage 2 worship group to lead celebration assembly

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February @ 3.30pm – Parents information session – Internet safety & computing curriculum

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Consultation Evenings – times to be confirmed

**Website – new feature**

Thank you for the positive feedback regarding our new website. One feature that we lost when we changed provider was the ability to 'sync' the school calendar to your own personal calendar. I am pleased to tell you that we have been working closely with our new website provider and this option is now available. Please follow the link below

<https://escrickprimaryschool.co.uk/events/> If you scroll to the bottom of the page you will see the subscribe button. We are in the process of adding events as and when they are confirmed. Thank you. We hope you find this facility useful.

With very best wishes



Miss Emma E Miller

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

***Safeguarding children*** – if you have any concerns for the welfare of a child please contact Miss Miller or Mrs Pape (if in school hours) or alternatively the NYCC safeguarding team can be contacted via this link <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child/>

***Respecting staff*** – our staff are dedicated professionals. We will not accept any abuse towards our staff.