



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 7

20th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Bikes/Scooters – If you have any second hand bikes or scooters, in good condition and suitable for children up to age 5/6 then we would be really happy to give them another home. Our children in Reception and Year 1 would love to be able to ride and scoot as part of their outdoor provision opportunities and we are lucky to have a grandad who is able to do safety checks on any bikes that are donated. We only have limited space to store outdoor equipment but if you would like to donate then please can the bike/ scooter be brought to school week beginning Monday 6th March for safety checks to be undertaken. Unfortunately, we are unable to house any bikes/ scooters that are not safe so these will be returned to you. Thank you in advance.

Teachers' Strikes - Next Tuesday, 28th February, is the second of the strike days but as the last strike day we will remain fully open for all children.

Whole school reading competition – We would like to remind all of the children that the deadline for the 'book in a jar' competition is this Wednesday. Your children can choose their favourite book then collect and put items, images or quotes into any see through jar to represent the plot, title or characters from the book. Entries to be handed to class teachers by Wednesday 22nd February and the winner for each class will be announced on Friday 24th February.

World Book Day is Thursday 2nd March and we will be supporting this event by reading for pleasure and helping to develop our positive reading culture in school. There will be opportunities for story reading throughout the day and fun activities related to stories and reading. Children in each class will be sharing their recommended reads and these are a helpful way to see which authors and texts are popular amongst your child's peers. An electronic copy of these lists will be sent home so that you can choose books to help motivate and engage your child with reading.

There is also a selection of story videos on the Share a story corner page:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/share-a-story-corner/>

Below are a number of useful websites if you are looking for further recommended reads for your child:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/>

These are categorised into age groups and many of these books can sometimes be found on classroom bookshelves or at your local library.

Escrick PTA 100 Club - [sign up now](#)

Unbelievably it has been one whole year since our first 100 Club draw and we would like to say a huge thank you to each and every person who has purchased a number and supported this fundraising opportunity. So far, we have raised £541 which has enabled us to purchase some valuable resources for forest school, maths and geography and also given out £780 of prize money to our members. Not only are we winning but you are too!!

We are so lucky to have a fully qualified volunteer to run forest school sessions to all year groups across the school however your support with the 100 club means we can raise money for resources and materials to enrich these sessions and enable them to continue.

The 100 Club costs £24 for the full year (£2 per draw) and you have the chance to win £30, £20, £10 or £5 every month.

We have plenty of numbers available so please support us this coming year, be in with a chance to win whilst also raising funds for our school. All you need to do is complete this [short form](#), following the link within the form to make payment.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already renewed their 100 Club number for this year!

Forms and payment must be received by 1st March to guarantee entry into the first draw on 3rd March and any received after this will only be entered to 11 draws at no reduction in price.

After 3rd March numbers will no longer be available to purchase so don't miss out, get yours [now!](#)

Thank you for your continued support,

Escrick PTA

Sports fixtures – Over the course of this half term there are a number of sports fixtures for different classes. We choose the teams depending on various factors including if the child has attended any after school club linked to the sport, if they ask to play and also if they have or haven't played for the school before. We try to give children opportunities over the course of the year so if your child is not picked this time round then there may well be a further opportunity next term.

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 – 96.9%

Year 1 – 95.4%

Year 2 – 96%

Year 3 – 97.6%

Year 4 – 95.4%

Year 5 – 95%

Year 6 – 93.7%

Reminder Tuesday 28th February @ 3.30pm – Parents information session – Internet safety

Key Dates – new dates in bold

Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March – Parents Consultation Evenings

Monday 6th March @ 3.15pm - SATS information session for Year 6 parents

Monday 20th March @ 3.15pm – SATS information session for Year 2 parents

Year 5/6 residential meeting will take place Monday 15th May at 3.30pm

Friday 3rd March – Y4/5/6 parents invited to Celebration Assembly at 2.40pm

Friday 10th March – Y2/3 parents invited to Celebration Assembly at 2.40pm

Friday 17th March – reception and Year 1 parents invited to Celebration Assembly at 2.40pm

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.