



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER 3

2nd May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although we are not holding our usual parent Celebration Assemblies this half term we have still celebrated those children who have been chosen to receive the **Headteacher Awards**. Congratulations to:

Reception – Emelia for living our school values and being a great role model to all.

Year 1 – Isla for working hard to improve and neaten her handwriting. Keep it up Isla.

Year 2 – Raven for showing a wonderful enthusiasm for all her work, and an increased confidence in class.

Year 3 – Eddison for working hard every day to do his very best. Great effort and attitude!

Year 4 – Bea for her determination and resilience with maths problems involving decimals.

Year 5 – Todd for great writing progress and effort. A super evacuee letter with topical information and extra-curricular links

Year 5 – Rosie for always being on task, working hard in all subjects and kindness to others. Thank you for also showing kindness and care to Mrs Pape.

Year 6 – Tom for showing great maturity when supporting and encouraging others with their learning.

Writer of the month – We have seen huge progress with the children's writing this term and the winners in April are **Sam, Joseph H, Bea H, Harry E, Anaya, Verity and Adam**.

TODAY Creative Spaces – YoYo (York Schools and Youth Trust) are excited to bring their creative spaces activities into school. Delving into the life of David in the Bible, they will work with the children to discuss and discover how this age old story of courage, heart and faith can still encourage us today.

YoYo would love to welcome visitors after school to take a look at our spaces and enjoy the activities for yourselves - hope to see you there! The school hall will be open for this from 3.15pm – 4.15pm on Tuesday 2nd May, today.

UK Parliament Workshop – On Tuesday 18th April, Year 5 and 6 took part in a fantastic workshop from the UK Parliament. During the session, children were able to learn about:

- What Parliament is
- What Parliament does
- House of Commons
- House of Lords
- Voting and Elections
- What the government is and what its role is
- Who their local MP is and what their role is
- How laws are made

Children especially enjoyed a debate about whether or not the voting age should be lowered to 16 years of age! Children debated and pass motions back and forth between the Lords at one side and the Commons at the other to demonstrate how laws are made!

Gospels for the King's Coronation – Year 6 have taken part in a very special project for the Coronation of HM King Charles III. Over fourteen schools across York have written verses from the gospels, these verses were completed on specially provided paper and beautifully bound into a set of four volumes, before getting sent to the Royal Household to celebrate the King's Coronation! Knowing that Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II received a Bible at her Coronation in 1953, and in the light of the King's recent visit to York, the project will be a fitting gift from the city of York for the King.

Year 6 children wrote all 35 verses in Matthew 18 and were thrilled to see the beautifully bound volumes before they were to be sent to the Royal Household. The set of 4 Gospel books are contained in a special box and weigh in total about 8kg! Obviously, they all needed to stay in tip-top royal condition, so unfortunately, we could not let the children handle them.

The project has been completed on behalf of the City of York, YoYo (York School and Youth Trust), The Most Rev & Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York and Rev Dr Matthew Porter, Honorary Chaplain to King Charles. Many thanks to the children for their tremendous efforts and willingness to be part of the project - to offer this unique handwritten copy of the Gospels, when it is all completed, to King Charles III for his coronation.

PE News

On Friday, the Y3/4 girls played football against Hemingborough, and had a fantastic 4-1 win! It was brilliant to see all of their hard work from the training sessions paying off and all of the girls enjoyed representing our school. A big thank you to the Year 4 Dads for refereeing the match and for their continued support with girls' football.



Coronation Celebration – On Friday 5th May the children are invited to come to school wearing red, white and blue as we will be having a special afternoon celebrating the Coronation of the King.

We are planning to play cricket, rounders and croquet before having a nice picnic together. Please can we ask that you provide a plate of picnic food for your own child (covered with cling film and named please but please can we also request NO NUTS!). We will not be able to refrigerate these plates so please include non-perishable items and it is just a small snack as the children will have had their Coronation lunch.

The children have been learning a song by the teacher/children's author, Banji Alexander. The song, New King, written from a child's perspective explores what a child would do if they suddenly became king. It is a fun song with a catchy pop hook, hip hop groove and funk base line, blended with string and horn sections reminiscent of 70s disco and soul. The children are enjoying learning this song and have been given the opportunity to prepare a dance or a routine to perform and we look forward to watching these performances during our celebrations.

Ahead of the afternoon we would also like to invite the children to design (and make if they so wish) their own crown, hat, tiara, head piece fit for a King or Queen. The designs will then be judged, on the day, with a prize for the best one in each class. The only rule is the design needs to be on A4 paper so that we can make a display of them in school. If your child does enter a design, then please ensure it is in school by Thursday 4th May.

Upcoming PE Events

Friday 5th May - Y3/4 girls football vs. Wheldrake

Friday 19th May – Whole school Speedkix Activity Day (all children to bring PE kit)

Friday 19th May - Y5/6 girls football vs. Hemingbrough

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd May @ 3.20pm Year 1 Parents information session regarding the Year 1 phonics screen check

Friday 5th May – Whole school Coronation Afternoon Event

Monday 8th May – Bank holiday – school closed

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May – Year 6 SATS week

Tuesday 9th May @3.20pm Year 4 Parents information session regarding the Multiplication Check.

Monday 15th May @ 3.20pm – Year 5/6 Parents meeting regarding the East Barnby Residential trip

Attendance and Absence – As a staff team we can see the positive difference that good attendance has on children; not just with their learning and knowledge but also children are happier and more settled in their friendship groups.

Class	Attendance
Reception	98.4
Year 1	94.5
Year 2	98.5
Year 3	98.2
Year 4	99.6
Year 5	94.8
Year 6	99.7

Please do contact the office or catch me on the playground if you wish to discuss anything with me.

With 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.