



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1

5th September 2023

WELCOME – Welcome to a new school year and a particularly warm welcome to those families joining our school community for the first time. I hope you all had a happy and relaxing summer holiday and enjoyed time with families and friends. We are looking forward to the new term ahead and the exciting learning that the children will be experiencing. I would also like to thank those families who kindly gave us gifts and cards at the end of last term. We all really appreciate it and thank you so much.

STAFFING UPDATE - Firstly we would like to congratulate Mr Broxup in his new role as Deputy Headteacher here at our school. Mr Broxup has joined the Senior Leadership Team and will continue to teach Year 6 alongside this new position. Further details regarding the teaching timetable for the Year 6 class will be covered in the class newsletter which will be emailed out later this week along with all other class newsletters.

Thank you to Mrs Pape for all her hard work and commitment in her role as Assistant Head over the past 5 years. She has supported our school and helped to lead new initiatives within the curriculum. Mrs Pape will return to be our full time Year 5 teacher.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bendelow who has worked in many roles across our school over the past three and a half years. As the school's team has evolved over the course of the last year Mrs Bendelow's role has changed and her contract has now come to an end and we wish her well for the future. Mrs Bendelow will call into school sometime this term to say her farewells to the children and staff team.

DAILY TIMES AND ROUTINES - The school gate at the top of the snicket will be open from 8.35am and school starts promptly at 8.45am. Children will be expected to be in school at this time so they can quickly enter class ready for registration and their morning work. Once the bell has been rung the children need to sensibly enter school through their allocated doors.

The Reception classroom door will be open from 8.40am where Mrs Braham and Mrs Cook will be there to help your child come into school. Please can we ask that if you have older children that you take them to their class door first as this will reduce the queue outside of the reception classroom.

All children have a morning playtime and a playtime at lunchtime. All children finish school at 3.15pm. For children in Reception to Year 4; parents/carers need to pick their children up from the playground outside their classroom. Teacher's will wait with the children until their adult has arrived to pick them up.

Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 have received an email and need to complete the online form if they wish to give their child 'permission to walk to/home from school.' Please complete this form even if your child had permission last year. If you have not received this and would like to authorise your child to do this, please contact Mrs Gibson Bone.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS – will take place this Friday here at school.

FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS – This year the children will have their forest school lessons once a fortnight over the course of the full school year (approx. 18 sessions each) so they all have equal access to the forest school learning and experiences. We are lucky to have forest school facilities on our school grounds and we value and appreciate the specialist teaching the children receive from Ruth and Kirsty in their lessons. The children thoroughly enjoy their learning and the plethora of skills taught in forest school is valuable and enriching for all. We would like to kindly ask for a £10 voluntary donation per child to cover the costs of the materials used for forest lessons this academic year. You will receive a notification from school money later today to advise you the payment is available. Thank you very much for your support with this.

ALL children will need to have appropriate clothing for forest school that will need to be worn for each session. The children will need long warm trousers, a long sleeved warm top and either wellington boots or walking boots. As we move into winter further information will be shared in regards to hats/ gloves etc.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP and CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY – Our Collective worship theme for this half term is Wisdom. The Christian definition states "Wisdom is insight into the way life works: a proper understanding of the consequences of our thoughts, words and actions and an awareness of the true value of things. It is rooted in proper reverence for God who is the source of all life and all values. It is not just knowing the right thing to do, but actually doing the right thing."

During both whole school and class collective worship children will listen to stories, take part in discussions, watch video clips and learn about this Christian Value and how we follow it in our lives today. *All wisdom comes from God – Proverbs 2:6.*

We are also pleased to inform you that parents/carers are invited to attend their child's celebration assembly. These will take place on the dates below at 9am in the school hall and last for approximately 20/25 minutes. Entrance will be through the top gate and the main front door. Please can we ask that if you have younger siblings who come with you for these assemblies that you take them out of the hall should they be distracting or noisy whilst the school children are sharing their school work.

Monday 25th September – Years 4/5/6

Monday 2nd October – Years 2/3

Monday 9th October – Reception and Year 1

PARENTS INFORMATION EVENINGS Wednesday 27th September - We would like to invite parents/carers to a whole school welcome meeting. This will be at 5pm in the school hall and will be followed by a Reception and key stage 1 meeting and also a key stage 2 meeting. These key stage meetings will be delivered twice to accommodate those with siblings in both key stages.

5pm – Welcome meeting for all parents/carers with a focus on our new school behaviour policy.

5.20pm – EYFS and KS1 meeting

5.20pm – KS2 meeting

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5.40pm – KS2 meeting

These key stage meetings will also give you an overview of key areas of learning, including our phonics scheme 'Little Wandle'; homework expectations; spelling and reading and also an opportunity to see your child's classroom.

CLASS CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

All parents will receive the termly newsletter from their child's class teacher. This will be sent via email on Friday. Please can I ask that you read this carefully as it will contain all the information relating to your child's class including the PE days, forest school sessions homework days and how the reading records will work in that class.

SCHOOL LUNCHES please can we remind you that all children must have either a hot dinner or packed lunch (provided by you) booked on the school money system. In order to minimise food wastage we would ask that you book the lunches AT LEAST one week in advance.

With very best wishes for the term ahead,

Miss Emma E Miller

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-27