



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

16th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had another fantastic week at school and the **Headteacher Certificates** were awarded to:

Reception – Douglas for trying really hard to join in to whole class activities. Well done.

Year 1 – Evie for always working hard in lessons; being a great role model and for super confident in speaking aloud to the group.

Year 2 – Elsie for a super effort across all areas of the curriculum. Well done and thank you for such enthusiasm too.

Year 3 – Vinnie for fantastic resilience in maths this week, keep it up.

Year 4 – Rinan for positivity and words of praise and encouragement towards others.

Year 5 – Jack for commitment to every lesson, every day.

Year 6 – Reca for supporting the Year 2's in Buddy reading and setting a fantastic example to others.

Team Points – Congratulations to Team Foss and Ouse who were the team point champions last week **and Ouse are the overall winners for this half term**. If your child is in Ouse then they are allowed to wear non-uniform next Thursday 26th October.

Thank you to the collective worship ambassador group for leading such a lovely harvest service and thank you to all those who took part and attended the event. Many parents commented on the beautiful singing.

Cake Sales – As you will be aware school finances across the UK are limited and this was discussed with our School Council Ambassadors at their recent meeting. One initiative they have requested we do to help raise funds, to buy books for our Little Wandle reading scheme, is for classes to hold cake bake sales. This Friday, it would be great if children in our Reception and Year 1 classes could provide the buns (these can be homemade or bought BUT please remember we are a nut free school). They will be on sale from 3.05pm, in the playground, and there will be an honesty box for donations to be made for buying a bun (suggested donation £1 per bun). We hope you like this idea and thank you in advance for your support.

Sponsored Read – We all value the importance of reading and for a lot of us we also appreciate a ‘proper’ book to read. Our new phonics scheme is Little Wandle and there are many e books but we would also like to supplement the e books with real books and we are asking for your support if possible please. We would like to encourage the children to take part in a sponsored reading bingo challenge over the half term holiday; as a family you could set your own value of sponsorship as any amount raised would hugely help. Attached is a bingo sheet with some reading activities on that you may wish to do. Thank you in advance for your support and help, monies to be returned to school by Monday 13th November please.

PE News - This term, we are lucky enough to be involved in lots of football fixtures. We will be selecting children to play in these games based on children's interest, availability and involvement in extra-curricular clubs. Miss Winfield is hoping to keep a busy timetable of fixtures across a range of different sports for this academic year, to allow a wider opportunity for more children to be involved, so we will ensure that teams are selected fairly throughout the whole of the school year.

Well done to all of the children that competed in the YSSN Cross Country Event last week. Congratulations to Harry G (Y4), Daisy (Y4) and Nattida (Y6) who finished in the top 8 for their age group and will be going through to the finals in Giggleswick! (further info to follow). Thank you to all of the parents/carers who took their children to represent our school.

We also had a successful week with our first football fixtures last week. Our sports ambassadors are busy writing the sports reports and will send these out next week.

Upcoming PE Events

Friday 20th Oct - Year 3/4 girls football vs. Riccall @ Riccall

Monday 23rd Oct - Year 5/6 mixed football vs. Robert Wilkinson @ Escrick

Thursday 26th Oct - Year 5/6 mixed football vs. Wigginton & Clifton with Rawcliffe @ Wigginton

Wednesday 15th Nov - Sports Hall Athletics @ York High - 1-3pm. Further details to follow for the children involved.

Swimming – Just a reminder that Year 4 are swimming until Christmas and then in the Spring term our Year 3 children will have their turn.

Parents Evening – Next week we are holding our autumn parent consultation meetings, in the school hall. This is the opportunity for you to have a 10 minute appointment with your child’s class teacher. The session allows you to discuss how your child is settling in to their new class, friendships and their attitudes to their learning. Please use the top gate/pedestrian entrance to school. Due to the limited space in the main entrance and in order for you to have an uninterrupted conversation with the teacher we would request that where possible, children are not brought to parents evening. We hope you understand and support this request. Many thanks.

Mrs Allen, our SENCO, and I are both available on Tuesday 24th 3 – 5pm should you wish to have a separate meeting with one of us. Please contact the office to book this.

Enrichment news from Year 6 - YoYo Faith Heroes Trip - Year 6 were invited to go on a special trip by YoYo. The children had the opportunity to learn about the history and faith background of York as they went around the city on a horrible history heritage trail! The children went around landmarks such as the Minster and the Shambles and met people from history such as Emperor Constantine, John Wesley and Margaret Clitherow! It was wonderful for the children to be able to learn more about people who showed courage to stand up for their Christian faith in the city of York!



Year 6 China Day - To celebrate children's learning on Ancient China, Year 6 hosted a very special 'China Day' in school! In the morning, children made Chinese style lanterns and dragon masks, as well as finding out their Chinese zodiac symbols and tasting Chinese snacks! In the afternoon, we were lucky to be visited by members of the York Chinese Christian Church. Our visitors taught the children how to count to ten in Chinese and children also did some Chinese maths! Afterwards, children were able to try their hand at traditional calligraphy using authentic Chinese brushes! The day finished with some traditional paper cutting art and a chopstick challenge! The children had so much fun and enjoyed bringing their topic to life, as one pupil stated, 'It was like China was in our class for the day and it felt like we were abroad!'



Parent Forum Group – Thank you to those parents who attended the parent forum group meeting last week. We found it really useful to have that forum in which to discuss a number of school related issues and the representatives will feedback to their year groups. We will meet once a half term to further strengthen our home/school partnerships.

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.