



## ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

**Reception – Meg** for being such a happy, smiley and kind friend to everyone in class and always trying her best. Thank you.

**Year 1 – George** for a fabulous effort in his writing tasks including great letter formation and size. Well done.

**Year 2 – Harry** for really trying in all areas of his learning, great resilience.

**Year 3 – Grace** for always making the most of every opportunity and always having a go.

**Year 4 – Ansh** for taking the time and effort to improve and check his work thoroughly.

**Year 5 – Martha** for including others and being a supportive partner in class. Thank you.

**Year 6 – Evie P** for showing great effort to improve at long multiplication.

***Reminder that the winning team, Ouse, have a non-uniform day on Thursday. Congratulations to Ouse.***

**Juice and biscuits:** Meg and George (Reception) Beatrix and Sam (Y1) Vedaant and Olivia (Y2) Joe and Tia (Y3) Ellie and Harry E (Y4) Sofia C and Beth (Y5) Todd and Kenzie (Y6).

**THANK YOU SO MUCH to all those parents and children who supported our first cake sale, we raised £278 which will go towards the purchasing of new reading books. Thank you.**

**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.

### **Upcoming PE Events**

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

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

**Parents Evening** – Please can we ask that you use the pedestrian gate at the top of the playground and then make your way to the main entrance where you will be asked to wait until your appointment time. As stated previously, at this meeting there will be no books to look at, it is an opportunity to discuss how your child is settling in to their new class, friendships and their attitudes to their learning.

**Parking** – Last week a number of parents spoke to us regarding the parking at drop off and pick up. We have no authority over parking but please can we ask you to think carefully about parking to ensure that you park in a legal and safe way. The safety of our children is paramount so please think about parking further away from school and walking to make is safer for all. Thank you.

**Healthy Snacks** – Can we remind you that if your child is bringing a snack to school that the snack is healthy and is not a packet of crisps/ chocolate bar. If your child has a packed lunch then you choose what they have to eat but please can we ask that your child has something healthy at playtime. Also, a reminder that the children can not have any products containing nuts.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> November please.

**Enrichment news from Year 5** - Earlier this half term, Year 5 were invited to visit York Food Festival in the city centre. This was an educational yet fun experience! Firstly, we made chocolate lollies, which linked brilliantly to our current Science topic of Changing Materials as we saw melting and setting in action. Next, we walked across the city to Museum Gardens where we kneaded and baked bread rolls before shaking up some cream to make butter! More Science! Year 5 have been studying rivers, so it was also a super opportunity to get a peek at the Ouse and the Foss AND we got to see a timed traffic light system in action from our Computing learning. Thank you to Sam Harrison, Jodie Craven and Ms Curry for accompanying us.

Photos to follow this week on Year 5’s Google Classroom.

A big thank you also to Andrew Pearson who visited the Year 5’s last week to complement our learning about rivers with his expertise. The class learnt lots of interesting information about The River Thames, the causes of flooding in the area and how flooding is planned for and mitigated. The children have really embraced our rivers topic and learnt a lot – next up .... Victorians!

We finish for the half term holiday this Friday and return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Enjoy your half term break and well done to all of the children for working so hard and really engaging with their learning and wider opportunities.

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.