



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

6th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable half term holiday and spent some quality time with family. We are now in the second half of the autumn term and there are lots of things planned for the children and wider school community.

We will continue to celebrate with you those children who receive the Head Teacher Weekly awards and also those children who are nominated for juice and biscuits.

We also have a number of Christmas events and activities which were shared with you on the calendar that we emailed before half term. We will also add key dates to the weekly newsletter.

Reading bingo - Over the half term break we set the children a challenge linked to reading. We provided the children with a reading bingo grid in the hope that this would encourage children to read and also raise money at the same time. If your child has taken part and helped to raise some money we are extremely grateful and please can we ask for monies to be returned to school by Wednesday 15th November. If you have any photos of your children reading in wild and wonderful places then please send in so we can make a display in school, thank you.

Poppies – Every year we support the British Legion by selling various items for Remembrance Day. This year some of our Year 6 children will visit the classes and be on the playground before school to sell the items, so if you wish for your child to buy something then we recommend a minimum £2 donation per item.

Parent Forum Group – Our next meeting is Thursday 23rd November 9 – 10am and if there is anything you wish to raise then please let your class reps know. Thank you.

Forest school sessions - We start this half term on week 2 of the schedule so this Friday Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 have their lessons. Please make sure your child has their forest kit with them on Friday, thank you.

Year 4 swimming reminder – The session is THURSDAY for this week then back to Wednesday's for the rest of the term.

Parents Curriculum Sessions – Our next information session for parents are held on Wednesday 22nd November. There will be 2 presentations in the school hall and everyone is welcome:

5 – 5.30pm – Little Wandle (phonics scheme)

5.30 – 6pm – Zones of Regulation (school approach to mental self-regulation and mental health).

Calm Colouring Club - Our wellbeing ambassadors have been sharing ways we can all look after our mental health. In assembly this week, they will be sharing with the school the five ways of wellbeing and would like to introduce calm colouring club.



What is Calm Colouring Club?

It is a club held at morning playtimes for Years 1-6 on three consecutive Wednesdays for three weeks beginning 8th November in the hall. It is a mindful place for those who would prefer to make some calm time rather than play outside. It will be run on a first come first serve basis, but we will try our best to accommodate everyone who would like to visit over the three weeks. There is no need to sign up – just come along!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Florence + James A + the wider team of wellbeing ambassadors.

Rocksteady - Following the success of the brilliant Rocksteady launch concert before half-term, we have 25 children signed up and ready to begin their new band sessions tomorrow! There are a few places still available, so if your child is interested in learning the keyboard, electric guitar, bass guitar or drums, please follow the links on the flyer attached.

School dinner payments – we are aware there was an issue over the weekend with the school money website and app. This has now been rectified. If you haven't already booked lunches for this week/half term, please do so ASAP. Thank you

Upcoming PE Events

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

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.