



## ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you have all had a lovely break and time to relax, recharge and rest. I know that this was a very busy holiday for many, but I hope that there has been lots of enjoyment too. It is always good to start the year afresh and I am very much looking forward to the term ahead.

**Thank you** for the kind cards and gifts that many of us received prior to the Christmas Holidays. We are so grateful and thank you for your kindness.

**This term our Collective Worship theme** is based on the Christian Values of Hope and Trust. Mr Broxup and I will lead on these whole school sessions that will also be followed up in class collective worship.

The Christian understanding of hope illustrates how trivial our everyday use of the word can be. We hope that it will not rain for the picnic, or that the car will start or that the plumber will come tomorrow. Christian hope is grounded in the character of God. Christian hope is the belief that 'all will be well and all manner of things will be well' – not just because that is what we would like to be the case but because there is good reason to believe that God intends it to be so. Often, in the Psalms, the writer says to God: 'My hope is in you'. It is a hope rooted in the love and faithfulness of God. Hope is not wishful thinking but a firm assurance that God can be relied upon. It does not remove the need for 'waiting upon the Lord' but there is underlying confidence that God is a 'strong rock' and one whose promises can be trusted.

Our Collective worship sessions are always inclusive of all faiths and of no faiths and allows everyone to join in; they are inspirational to allow us to think about the Big questions in our lives; they are invitational to allow us all to contribute our ideas and to discuss or reflect issues with integrity and respect. Collective worship is a key part of our daily school life and is a key driver for setting the tone for the day and sharing important messages. If you would like to understand our collective worship a little more then please contact the office to arrange a meeting with myself and one of our Foundation Governors.

**Curriculum enrichment** is truly valued at school and although this term is short, the teachers have planned and organised various events and learning opportunities for the children. Forest school continues on a fortnightly basis (this week is week 1 with Reception, Year 5 and 6 having their sessions). Dance will continue on a Thursday for the same classes as last term

and Year 3 will have a weekly swimming lesson. Further information can be found on class curriculum newsletters that will be emailed home on Friday.

**Diary Dates:**

**Celebration Assembly Dates**

Reception and Year 1 parents – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 9am

Year 2 and 3 parents – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9am

Years 4, 5 and 6 parents – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9am

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 3.15pm – Year 5 and 6 parents residential meeting

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9am – Parent Forum Meeting – please raise any issues with your class representatives

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – PTA meeting – All welcome to attend

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Finish for half term

Timekeeping and being organised are life skills and we like to support and encourage these at school. Please can we ask that your children are at school on time, the bell is rung at 8.40am and children can then make their way into class. Can we also ask that at this time the children have all their equipment with them for the day ahead. It is distracting for them and disturbs many people when we are delivering items to the classroom throughout the morning.

**Class curriculum newsletters** will be sent home via email at the end of the week and if you have any further questions or queries then please do contact me either in the playground or if you would like to meet with me then please arrange a meeting via Mrs Gibson Bone.

With very 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.