



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

5th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher Awards for the following children were given out in this morning's assembly:

Reception – Theo for fantastic phonics work and enthusiasm to learning both at school and home, well done.

Year 1 – Aurelia for always approaching tasks with maturity and efficiency. Well done and a huge thank you.

Year 2 – Anne B for excellent attention to detail and creativity in printing in art.

Year 3 – Charlotte B for a really positive approach to all of her work, well done.

Year 4 – Ivy B for showing enthusiasm with all her work, especially writing.

Year 5 – Harry D for quick thinking maths involving mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Year 6 – Addi for increased confidence throughout all areas of school life. Well done

Well done to team FOSS who were winners two weeks ago and **WHARFE** for their win last week. The teams are so close and we await to hear the winner for this half term.

Thank you to the following parents who have kindly volunteered to lead and run the after school girls football training after half term - Andrew Pearson & Stuart Marshall every week with Amanda Reader, Pete Wilson and Elliot Jones also helping in the sessions.

Bake sales - Last term we began cake sales to help raise money to buy further books from the Little Wandle reading scheme and after discussions with Parent Forum Representatives I can confirm the remaining dates for this year:

6th Feb – Year 4 to provide the cakes please

27th Feb – Year 5 to provide the cakes please

19th March – Year 6 to provide the cakes please

Cakes can either be homemade or shop bought but please no NUTS. Thank you

100 club winners - this is the February draw which is the last one for the current 100 club year.

£30 – Mrs Cawthray

£20 – Louise Brown

£10 – Anna Hopwood

£5 – Rachel and Ceri Curzon Harrison

Numbers are now up for renewal for those who joined last March. Emails have been sent to those members and a huge thank you to those who have already renewed!

This month is also an opportunity for anyone not part of the 100 club to sign up, support PTA fundraising and also be in with a chance of winning £30, £20, £10 or £5 each month!

Cost of entry is £2 per month payable as one sum (£24) at the start of the year.

Sign up today to be in with a chance to win!

<https://forms.office.com/e/cyT9KhwjZZ>

PTA meeting – Friday 1st March 3.15 – 4pm ALL WELCOME

PE News - Well done to the Y5/6 children who played a great football game against Park Grove on Friday. We're looking forward to more fixtures in a range of sports after half-term too.

Upcoming PE Events

Monday 26th Feb - Y3/4 netball tournament @ Clifton with Rawcliffe

Thursday 7th March - Y5/6 dodgeball tournament @ Osbaldwick

Friday 8th March - Y5/6 girls football festival @ Hopgrove

Thursday 21st March - Y3/4 dodgeball tournament @ Lord Deramore's

Absence and attendance - I have always said that you need a big dose of good luck to get through the year with 100% attendance but it is also a big part of my role to encourage the best possible attendance for the children in our school. Being here every day really does help children to access the carefully constructed sequences that build learning. Absence creates gaps in learning that can then be hard to back-fill. There are lots of coughs, colds and sick bugs around at the moment but we know, as adults, that we often feel better if we get up and get going. If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea then please follow the 48 hour rule (they must not return to school until they have had 48 hours since their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea). Equally if your child has a temperature, again they should not be in school. If however they just have a bit of a cough or cold then being with friends in school is often a great distraction from feeling a little under the weather so if you are in any doubt, please send your child in. If they are struggling, we will always give you a call.

Can I also ask that children arrive in school on time. We are having many children troop through the main entrance and hall after the morning bell has gone. Learning is far more effective if the day gets off to a good start and learning activities begin straight away. If you are having trouble getting your little one up, ready and out of the door and you would like our help and advice, please let us know. It's nothing we haven't come across many times before and we might be able to help make your mornings more manageable.

Have a wonderful half term break and 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.