



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

11th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Tuesday, Steve Lewis, the CEO of SYMAT came into our school to undertake a Behaviour Review. He spent the whole day with us and observed children in lessons, transition times and at outdoor play. Mr Lewis also spoke to various children, support staff and teachers alongside holding meetings and reviewing documents with myself and Mrs Gibson Bone.

The children were polite, honest and able to articulate clearly the impact our new Behaviour Policy and Pyramids have had on daily school life. Children reported that systems were fair and staff had high expectations for all children. Mr Lewis will share a full report with the Local Governing Body but he also emailed the following which I would like to share with you all.

Thank you for giving so much of your time today.

It was a really enjoyable day. Please thank your staff and pupils for making me so welcome.

The journey the school has been on to ensure that it fully lives out its values can be clearly seen.

There is so much that all involved in Escrick should be very proud of.

Your vision and leadership shine through Emma.

Well done and thank you.

We are all really proud of the children and how they embrace and live out our school values along with a true commitment to learning. Thank you for your support as well, the partnerships between school and home are really developing.

This week Headteacher awards were given to the following children and well done to team Wharfe for earning the most points last week.

Reception – Olivia for always being kind, caring and positive to everything, each and every day.

Year 1 – Tallulah for excellent effort and continuously pushing herself with her reading and writing.

Year 2 – Phoebe for super efforts with all her learning across the full curriculum. Well done.

Year 3 – Woody for his super effort and resilience in maths learning fractions.

Year 4 – Emily P for always showing enthusiasm towards her learning and trying her best.

Year 5 – Bea P for making super progress in her writing and showing keen interest in topic work.

Year 6 – Enya for really pushing herself to improve the presentation and vocabulary in her written work.

It was great to see the children in such fantastic costumes to celebrate **World Book Day**. Thank you for your hard work and effort into making them as the children really enjoyed the day and stories shared by their class teachers.

Attendance - I am pleased to share that school attendance is currently above national, which is 94.3%. Since half term we have had the following attendance figures in school: Week beginning 19th Feb = 98.4% and Week beginning 26th Feb = 96.3%. This is super and helps our children to learn and extend their knowledge with their friends here at school.

Reminder that on Tuesday and Wednesday evening we are holding **our Parent Consultation Meetings**. Please can we ask you enter via the main office entrance just a few minutes before your allocated appointment time. The top gate will remain open throughout the evening.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 12 th March 2.30pm Parents of children who participate in Rocksteady	An invitation to the parents of those children who participate in Rock Steady lessons to watch them perform. (email already sent to those concerned)
Friday 15 th March Whole school	Comic Relief – children are invited to come in non-uniform and if they wish to, they can wear red showing support of this worthwhile charity. If you would like to donate then please do so directly to the Comic Relief website.
Friday 15 th March 3.15 – 5.15pm Whole school	Movie Night – PTA are selling tickets at £6 each. Please see email sent last week.
Monday 18 th March 9am Reception/Year 1	Celebration Assembly for Reception and Year 1 parents.
Monday 18 th March @ 1pm Year 3	Year 3 parents invited to attend their child's Stone Age Enrichment afternoon.
Tuesday 19 th March Year 2 and 5	Yoyo delivering a whole school assembly and workshops for Y2 and Y5 children.
Tuesday 19 th March Year 1	Year 1 parents invited to bring favourite toys from their childhood to share with the children
Tuesday 19 th March @ 3.15pm Year 6 – donate. Whole school to buy	Year 6 Bake Sale after school – all cake donations (homemade or bought) much appreciated.
Wednesday 20 th March Whole school	Easter lunch (please book by Friday 15 th March). See menu attached to email

Wednesday 20 th March Year 5	Egyptian Day for the Year 5 children. 2.30pm parents invited to join us
Friday 22 nd March 9.30am Year 3	Year 3 parents are invited to attend a Musical concert led by Mr Novell.
Friday 22 nd March Whole school	Easter Assembly (inhouse – no parents) and finish for the Easter holidays at 3.15pm.
Tuesday 9 th April Whole school	Children return after the Easter holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS to the year 5/6 girls football team who were winners of the recent York girls football festival. The team, having not played together before showed amazing togetherness, concentration, determination, listening and skills. The team Escrick beat in the final (a school 3 times the size of Escrick school) had entered 3 teams into the tournament. The match went to penalties and the winning goal, scored by Florence was the only goal their opponents conceded during the whole tournament. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the event. Thank you to Mrs Pape and all the parents for taking and supporting the children.



Upcoming PE Events

Thursday 14th March – Year 5/6 mixed football @ Osbaldwick

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

CAR PARKING – I am fully aware that the roads around our school are very busy during the drop off and pick up times of the school day. But the safety of our children is of the most importance. Please can I ask that you consider parking a little further away from school and walking with your children. This would reduce the congestion around school and support children in crossing rounds safely.

Please can we also ask that you park legally, respect residents' dwellings and also treat others with kindness and respect. Many thanks four your co-operation and understanding with this matter.

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 Mr Broxup (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.