



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

8th July 2024

Dear Parents

Juice and biscuits – Earlier on today I had an enjoyable time having juice and biscuits with the following children. Year 1 – George and Benjamin; Year 2 – Joseph and Kamila; Year 3 – Ivy and Raven; Year 4 – Teddy and Emily P; Year 5 – Amelia and Bea P and Year 6 – Violet and Sam. I will catch up with the Reception children next week as I am residential with the Year 5 and 6 children from Wednesday morning until Friday afternoon.

The winners from this month's 100 club are

1st £30 Louise Brown (70)

2nd £20 Stuart Marshall (25)

3rd £10 Kenneth Wallace (44)

4th £5 Miss Miller (49)

Thank you for supporting school with the 100 club as it really helps the PTA to provide nice treats for the children, including the lollies that all the children had on Friday.

Important information regarding school dinners - We have unfortunately been informed from NYCC County Caterers who supply all our school meals that the price of school meals is increasing. Historically, the economics around school meals are as follows; from the end of 2022, up to Sept 24 the cost of a meal has increased from £2.64 to £3.20

School wants to keep school meals as affordable as possible but obviously we are unable to run at a loss and therefore as from September 2024 the charge of a school meal will increase to £3.40 per day which also covers other costs including utilities that are needed to produce school meals. We are very fortunate to have an excellent cook who prepares healthy, nutritious food and, whilst regretting the price increase, the portion size still represents good value for money.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) - School budgets, as you may be aware from the media are incredibly tight. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all still are entitled to Universal Free School meals. From September the amount school receive from the Government is £2.53 per meal. As a school we will still be charged £3.20 for the meal so whilst these meals are therefore called free school meals, they are unfortunately subsidised by school.

How can you help?

We would ask all children to take a school meal on Census day in October and January (the day that the funding is based on). The dates will be published in the newsletter and a special menu will be provided for this day. This will mean we get the maximum funding for UIFSM available to our school. We would also ask that you carefully book your child's meals on the school money system. If you are sending your child to school with a packed lunch on any day, please book this as a packed lunch, not a school dinner. Any meals booked have to be paid for by school so please ensure we are not paying for meals that are not taken. We would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this change then please do not hesitate to Mrs Gibson Bone using the following address - admin@escrick.n-yorks.sch.uk

September class structure

As of September 2024, we are still operating 7 classes in our school but the organisation of classes lower down in school has changed due to cohort numbers and legalities. The classes will be renamed but will be made up as follows:

Reception and Year 1 – Mrs Braham

Year 1 and 2 – Mrs Robinson

Year 2 – Ms Curry

Year 3 – Miss Winfield

Year 4 – Miss Wilde

Year 5 – Miss Copperthwaite

Year 6 – Mr Broxup

When the Reception children return from their school trip today we will be holding a whole school session to explain to the children this new structure. We will also discuss with the children possible new names for these classes and the children can then design logos for their classroom bases.

Mrs Braham and Mrs Robinson will also hold further conversations with the children in their classes to share with them which base they will be in from September. All conversations will be handled sensitively and in a supportive manner as we appreciate some initial upset and worries the children may have.

Dates

Monday 15th July – Music assembly for any child who learns an instrument and would like to perform. Parents of those performing are invited.

Tuesday 16th July and Wednesday 17th July at 6pm – Year 6 Production.

Leavers Service at Church – Friday 19th July at 9.15am.

Monday 22nd July – School finishes for the summer holidays at 1.30pm. Non-uniform day.

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