



## ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1

**4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**WELCOME** – We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our families at the start of this new school year. We hope that all of you have had a relaxing summer break and enjoyed time with family and friends.

For those families new to our school community we hope that your children soon settle into school life and you too enjoy this new chapter with your family.

We are looking forward to the new term ahead and the learning opportunities and experiences that your children will take part in.

The start of a new school year or a new school can be quite daunting for some children so please do contact the office or catch me on the playground if you would like some support and guidance. We value the partnerships between home and school as these help our children to flourish and enjoy their educational journey. I am available most days so please do not hesitate to contact me.

**BUILDING WORKS** - Over the summer we have had some internal building works, decorating and new carpets and blinds. The staff have spent the last two days putting all the furniture back in the classrooms and our school looks modern and clean!

Due to the new layout and space, please can we ask that children only bring 1 sensible sized bag to school. Children do not need to bring pencil cases or additional equipment to school and ideally in their bag they need their reading book, reading record and if applicable their packed lunch and a water bottle. Please can we ask that all this is placed in one bag that can then be stored on their pegs. *The children in Year 6 may bring a pencil case to school in preparation for secondary school but please can we ask that it is a sensible size.*

For children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 please can we ask that PE bags and forest school bags are placed in their school bags on the day they need them as to reduce bags and equipment in school. Please read your class curriculum letter carefully for information related to when these sessions take place.

**CLASS NEWSLETTERS** will be emailed out this Friday but if you have any specific questions once receiving these then please contact the class teacher or myself. If you do need to speak to the class teacher, then please can you catch them at the end of the day to avoid the class being late for registration or alternatively contact the office to make an appointment.

**THANK YOU** – At the end of last term we were overwhelmed with the gifts and cards that were received and we would like to say a huge thank you for your generosity and kindness.

## CLASS ORGANISATION AND STAFFING

Mercury	Mrs Braham (Reception/Year 1) supported by Mrs Cook
Venus	Mrs Robinson (Year 1/Year 2) supported by Mrs Fenton and Mr Agar
Earth	Ms Curry (Year 2) supported by Mrs Wareham and Mr Agar
Mars	Miss Winfield (Year 3)
Jupiter	Miss Wilde (Year 4)
Saturn	Miss Copperthwaite (Year 5) supported by Mrs Allen and Miss Humphrey
Neptune	Mr Broxup (Year 6)

Mrs Peters and I will cover the PPA sessions across school and this information will be shared in the class curriculum newsletters. These letters will also contain further information about your child's learning and topic, PE, Dance and Forest days, class routines and other specific class information.

Mrs Gibson Bone will not be in school every day as her role is now across our Multi Academy Trust. Mrs Hall will be in the office every morning and she will work closely with myself and Mrs GB so please use the admin email address for all correspondence as this will continue to be the main platform for communication.

**DAILY TIMES AND ROUTINES** - The school gate at the top of the snicket will be open from 8.35am and school starts promptly at 8.45am. Children will be expected to be in school at this time so they can quickly enter class ready for registration and their morning work. Once the bell has been rung the children need to sensibly enter school through their allocated doors.

The Reception classroom door will be open from 8.40am where Mrs Braham and Mrs Cook will be there to help your child come into school. Please can we ask that if you have older children that you take them to their class door first as this will reduce the queue outside of the reception classroom.

All children have a morning playtime and a playtime at lunchtime. All children finish school at 3.15pm. For children in Reception to Year 4; parents/carers need to pick their children up from the playground outside their classroom. Teacher's will wait with the children until their adult has arrived to pick them up.

Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 have received an email regarding 'permission to walk to/home from school.' If you have not received this and would like to authorise your child to do this, please contact Mrs Gibson Bone.

**INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS** – will take place this Friday here at school.

**FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS** – This year the children will have their forest school lessons once a fortnight over the course of the full school year (approx. 18 sessions each) so they all have equal access to the forest school learning and experiences. We are lucky to have forest school facilities on our school grounds and we value and appreciate the specialist teaching the

children receive from Ruth and Kirsty in their lessons. The children thoroughly enjoy their learning and the plethora of skills taught in forest school is valuable and enriching for all. We would like to kindly ask for a £10 voluntary donation per child to cover the costs of the materials used for forest lessons this academic year. This payment will be added to school money by the end of the week.

ALL children will need to have appropriate clothing for forest school sessions. The children will need long warm trousers, a long-sleeved warm top/jumper and either wellington boots or walking boots. As we move into winter further information will be shared in regards to hats/ gloves etc.

Children who have forest school first lesson may come to school in their forest kit but they must bring their school uniform and school shoes to change into after.

Forest school sessions are delivered to straight year groups so please note below the dates your child has forest school.

<i>Year Groups</i>	<i>Date of forest school sessions</i>
Reception, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6	13 <sup>th</sup> September, 4 <sup>th</sup> October, 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5	20 <sup>th</sup> September, 11 <sup>th</sup> October, 25 <sup>th</sup> October

**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP and CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY** – During both whole school and class collective worship times children will listen to stories, take part in discussions, watch video clips and learn about our world alongside the Christian Values that we encourage our children to follow. This term our value is Generosity and we will look at this in many ways. We will consider a number of quotes including ‘If you can’t feed a hundred people then just feed one.’ Mother Teresa.’ ‘Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out.’ Frank A Clark.

This term we are holding Celebration Assemblies on the following dates.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Adult Information</b>	<b>Date and time</b>
Year 5 and 6 children	1 parent/carer per child is invited to attend	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September at 9am
Year 3 and 4 children	1 parent/carer per child is invited to attend	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October at 9am
Year 1 and 2 children	1 parent/carer per child is invited to attend	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October at 9am
Reception children	2 parents can attend as KS2 children will not attend this assembly as it can be too overwhelming for the children	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October at 9.10am

Entrance will be through the top gate and the main front door. Please can we ask that if you have younger siblings who come with you for these assemblies that you take them out of the hall should they be distracting or noisy whilst the school children are sharing their school work.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES** – thank you for your support with booking lunches for this week and next. Lunches for the remainder of Autumn term 1 will be available to book by the end of this week. If you can please always make sure you are a week ahead when booking lunches.

**MOBILE PHONES and WATCHES** – to ensure the safeguarding of all the children in our school, please can we ask that children do not wear any watches to school that have the facility to take photos/ send messages etc Mobile phones are not allowed in school but we understand that there may be times when older children, those in Year 6, may need a phone for a reason after school. If this is the case then the phone must be handed in to Miss Miller at the start of the day. It will be locked away until home time when the child can come and collect it.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

As always, if there is anything you are unsure of and the answer is not found on class newsletters or the website then please contact me. A strong partnership between home and school is so important and we all want the children to FLOURISH.

With very best wishes for a successful and happy school year,

Miss Emma E Miller

**‘Every person is an individual and also part of a community’**

1 Corinthians 12:12-27