



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 12

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher Awards – I am pleased to share with you that the following children were presented with the Headteacher Awards earlier today.

Neptune – Harry D for showing improved confidence in class and taking part in discussions during lessons.

Saturn – Rafe for always following the school values, working hard and showing respect to every member of our school family. Thank you Rafe.

Jupiter – Raven for thinking about her learning, offering ideas and trying her best. Well done.

Mars – Olivia for determination, super efforts and hard work will all tasks and activities.

Earth – Oscar for super effort in his storytelling work and trying to include all of his events in his plan.

Venus – George B for fabulous shape work.

Mercury – Theo for a fantastic attitude and effort, especially with reading and spelling tasks.

I am looking forward to Juice and Biscuits tomorrow with: Arran and Amelie (Y6); Chloe and Pearl (Y5); James M and Bea H (Y4); Leo and Phoebe (Y3); Benjamin and Lillie (Y2); April and Emilia (Y1) and Jozef and Alfie (Reception).

Miss Winfield is back in school on a phased return this week and will undertake a handover with Mr Cartledge and also finish off her parents evening appointments. We thank Mr Cartledge for all his help and commitment over these past 3 weeks and we are pleased that Miss Winfield is back.

Earlier today the children took part in a **special assembly led by PC Spooner with a focus on Road Safety**. To support their learning and understanding of this vital life skill please can we ask that you, as parents, follow the Highway Code in terms of parking in a safe and legal place when you bring/pick up your child from school. Parking near school is limited so you may need to park further in the village and walk with your child. If this is the case, then please talk to your child about the importance of road safety and how dangerous parking or driving can be if we do not follow the rules. It could have a devastating impact on a village community.

Assessment weeks – Over the next two weeks the children will be undertaking assessments in reading and maths alongside some independent writing tasks. The children in Key Stage 2 will complete maths and reading tasks in a timed setting but for all other year groups and for the writing assessments this will not be timed. As shared in our assessment information sheet

earlier this term, the purpose of this is to inform teaching and planning and to support your children with making good progress.

Positive Noticing Day is a new initiative we are running on Wednesday 4th December. We are celebrating adults and children noticing positive attributes within our school community and it allows us to support children's self esteem and outlooks towards others, situations and wider contexts. Every child will go home with a positive label that they have received that day. Further information and how you can join in at home is attached.

As a school we are using the Paul Dix materials to support behaviours – both for adults and children and Positive Noticing Day is a simple, practical and highly effective start to this additional behaviour strategy.

Our PTA have been busy arranging a number of fun events for the children to enjoy before the Christmas holidays. The money they raise at these events is much needed and often used to supplement trips, subsidise nice treats for the children and to enhance their learning opportunities. Please can you support the PTA if you can – this could be volunteering as well as signing your child up for the events that they run. Thank you.

Festive Film Night - Our next film night will be held on Friday 6th December. Tickets are £6 each and include a drink, popcorn, hotdog and sweetie bag. Children will need to be collected at 5pm from the school hall.

We will be showing the following films;

The Grinch - Animated version (U)
Arthur Christmas (U)
Elf (PG)

Please complete the booking form below and then use the payment link to pay for your tickets.

Booking form -

<https://forms.office.com/e/h0TWUZXiD7>

Payment link -

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/ML8MWM6VEB3C5/checkout/6B3LAKSWKY7P6BNAQIYCHI5H>

In addition to the film night there will be some stalls in the hall from 4.30pm selling Christmas gifts, preloved books and school uniform. If you have any books in very good condition that you would like to donate please bring them into school.

Hamper Raffle

Our wonderful hamper raffle will be back this year! There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 6th December in exchange for hamper donations. These can be anything festive, delicious, or both! ***(Please check all food/drink donations are unopened and in date)***

Raffle tickets will be coming home in book bags in the next week. Please send any unsold/sold tickets and money back to school by Monday 16th December, ready for the draw on Tuesday 17th December.

Easy Fundraising - Did you know that whenever you buy anything online you could be collecting free donations for Escrick PTA? So far we have raised over £2.5k in **FREE** money! It's not just shopping either - there are insurers on there, holiday companies, utility companies and much more.

Follow the link and sign up today!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/escrickcofepta>

Asda Cashpot -If you shop at Asda please sign up to the Asda Rewards App and choose Escrick Church of England Primary School as your cause. Every time you shop scan the app and Asda donates a percentage of your total to our school's cashpot. Again, this is **FREE** money for our school and in a very short space of time we have already raised over £75! At the moment we get £1 for everyone that signs up on the app, you don't even need to shop at Asda!

Letters to the North Pole! - We have some very exciting news! Santa has agreed to allow Escrick Primary School to have its very own North Pole Post Box for children to post their letters to Santa this year! He has promised that he will send a personalised reply to all the children who write to him via his special post box.

Santa and the Elves are very, very busy indeed at this time of year, so they have asked our lovely PTA if they will help - which of course they have agreed to!

All the children have to do is:

- Complete the attached 'Dear Santa' letter (or ask a parent / carer to help);
- Bring it back to school it in the same envelope on Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd or Wednesday 4th December;
- Buy a North Pole Postage Stamp (£2.50 each) from one of the PTA helpers who will be selling them in the playground every day after school Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th December;
- Attach the stamp and post it in our special post box
- Wait for Santa to personally reply!

Santa has kindly agreed to allow the PTA to keep the funds raised from the sale of the North Pole Postage Stamps, which will go towards providing resources and activities for the children.

Volunteers

If anyone is able to volunteer for any of the fundraising activities we have going on this festive season please either let Mrs Fenton or one of the committee members know. Many hands make light work and there's free hot dogs and popcorn for Film night volunteers!

Huge thanks, as always, for your continued support!

Escrick PTA Team

Message from Mr Britton on behalf of Escrick Playing Fields

Winter Sweep

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 10am

Come and help tidy the playing field for winter. We aim to clear the path of leaves, remove more of the tree covers from the woods and generally tidy up and do some maintenance. Bring dumpy bags, gloves and tools for moving leaves (maybe a wheelbarrow if possible?). Coffee and cake for all volunteers!

This year we want to support the York Mix toy appeal and help ensure as many children as possible receive a present on Christmas Day. Through no fault of their own some families struggle to afford to treat their loved ones. Due to this we are asking for donations of new and unwrapped toys. These donations can range in age from babies' toys through to gifts for teenagers (stationary, books, games, toiletries).

The main donation point is at York Designer Outlet however we are happy to be a collection point at school and Miss Humphrey will deliver them to the outlet. Please can any donations be in school by Thursday the 12th of December so she can deliver them in time. Many thanks for your support and generosity.



CHRISTMAS DATES – new ones in red

Year 5 and 6 Welcome to advent – Readings and Singing	Monday 2 nd December 9.15am – for parents of children in Years 5/6. Tickets not required and please use the main entrance.
Choir to sing at Tea Rooms	Wednesday 4 th December 2.30pm

Non-uniform day in lieu of donations for the hamper prizes	Friday 6 th December
Film Night	Friday 6 th December 3.15 – 5pm
Carols on the Village Green	Friday 6 th December 6pm - choir to sing please
Year 3 and 4 Carols round the tree and Trumpet Music Ensemble	Monday 9 th December 2.15pm – for parents of children in Years 3 and 4
Rock Steady Concert – for those parents whose children have lessons	Tuesday 10 th December at 2.15pm
Whole school trip to the Panto.... shhhhh don't tell them!!!	Thursday 12 th December 9am
The Elf Run in aid of St Leonards Hospice	Friday 13 th December am
Reception only Christmas Play	Monday 16 th December 2.15pm – 3 tickets per family
Year 1/2 only Christmas Play	Tuesday 17 th December 9.30 and 2.15pm – 2 tickets per family
Whole school Christmas Lunch Day (wear your Christmas jumpers but school dress/skirt/ trousers/shorts please).	Wednesday 18 th December
Class Christmas Party Day	Thursday 19 th December – during the school day and children to be in party clothes and bring their own party food on a plate.

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