



## ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 13

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

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** – **All of Year 6** for outstanding team work and creativity when hosting the Chinese Restaurant.

**Saturn** – **Pearl** for always having a positive attitude and trying her best in all lessons.

**Jupiter** – **Jacob** for super efforts with his writing and showing great enthusiasm in all of his learning.

**Mars** – **Olly** for his fantastic Polar Express story this week.

**Earth** – **Hamish** for great effort and focus in all lessons.

**Venus** – **Oliver** for fabulous independent writing.

**Mercury** – **Olivia** for showing independence and increasing resilience in her approach to her learning. Well done.

**Team points have been counted and Wharfe were the winner's week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November and Ouse were the winner's week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November. Congratulations to the children in those teams and we look forward to seeing who the overall winners are this term.**

The **Christmas Post box** has now arrived in the hall should any child wish to post their Christmas cards ready for the big day. If children are using the post box please can we ask the name and class/year/surname of the child is also included to make sure that the postmen and women can do their job efficiently eg Jemima Puddleduck Year 5 or Jemima Year 5.

**This Wednesday is Positive Noticing Day** and we are looking forward to celebrating both adults and children within our school community. Celebrating children's positive attributes allows us to help grow and develop 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 and we would really appreciate you supporting this with a conversation at home as to why they have received their label.

If your child is in the **choir** we look forward to them singing this week – at the tearooms on Wednesday afternoon and at Carols on the Green on Friday evening at 6pm. Please complete the consent forms at your earliest convenience.

**Sickness** - There are many bugs doing the rounds at school so please can we ask you to inform the office if your child is off unwell and we are also reminding the children about the importance of handwashing.

**Festive Film Night** is this Friday, straight after school and there is still time to book a place if you so wish. 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/6B3LAKSWKY7P6BNAOIYCHI5H>

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>

**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 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

**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.

**Following the letter from Mr Lewis that was sent to all parents on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November we would like to invite all parents/carers to a meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. This meeting will be an opportunity to learn more about the new leadership arrangements from January 2025.**



### CHRISTMAS DATES –

Choir to sing at Tea Rooms	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm
Non-uniform day in lieu of donations for the hamper prizes	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Film Night	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 3.15 – 5pm
Carols on the Village Green	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm - choir to sing please
Year 3 and 4 Carols round the tree and Trumpet Music Ensemble	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm – for parents of children in Years 3 and 4
Rock Steady Concert – for those parents whose children have lessons	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm
Whole school trip to the Panto.... shhhhh don't tell them!!!	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 9am
The Elf Run in aid of St Leonards Hospice	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December am
Reception only Christmas Play	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm – 3 tickets per family
Year 1/2 only Christmas Play	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December
Class Christmas Party Day	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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