



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 15

16th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher Awards other whole school, class and individual rewards have been very well received so far this year and many children have had their hard work and positive attitudes rewarded. It is lovely celebrating with the children and I look forward to the spring term when we recommence these.

The **Christmas Post box** will remain in the hall until Wednesday 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. We have some super helpers who are distributing the post this week.

Please can we extend our **thanks to the PTA** as they have raised a whopping £1428.22 from the chocolate apples, Christmas raffle, special letters, Movie night, book and sweet sale. We appreciate all the hard work that goes into organising and running these events so thank you. We would also like to thank all the parents/carers for supporting the events and also helping where they can. Thank you!

Thank you too for your support in the **Elf Run, raising £677 for St Leonards Hospice**, they are delighted with this so thank you all.

The children have already had many Christmas events including going to the Panto, watching the Reception Christmas Play and also enjoying the smores at Forest school. The children's behaviours have been fantastic and we still have this week at school so please note the remaining Christmas events – all in red!

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.
Non-Uniform Day	Friday 20 th December – whole school reward of non-uniform and we finish at 1.30pm for the Christmas break

Advice from the UK Health Agency - The UK Health Security Agency have produced advice on illnesses that are currently affecting nursery and school children across Yorkshire and The Humber.

What are the symptoms?

There are two groups of symptoms:

- Diarrhoea and vomiting – usually lasting 1-2 days
- Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore throat – lasting 3-4 days

What should I do if my child is unwell?

- If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms, they should not attend nursery/school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours
- If your child has a high temperature and is unwell, it is very important they stay at home and don't attend school until they have recovered. Children with mild symptoms like runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids – taking sips rather than gulps, to avoid vomiting
- If they have a fever – give child paracetamol and/or ibuprofen, according to manufacturer's instructions. Your local pharmacist can also advise you about the best treatment for your child
- If your child is unusually sleepy, can't take fluids or has other symptoms, such as an unusual rash, headache or neck stiffness – **seek medical advice immediately**

Infection control advice

Handwashing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person caring for them. Hands should be washed using soap and rinsed under running water:

- Before and after caring for the child
- After using the toilet
- Before eating, preparing or handling food
- After cleaning up spills (vomit, diarrhoea or urine)
- Also – keep a separate towel for each family member who has symptoms, and change them regularly
- Dry hands thoroughly

Other control measures:

- Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue if possible – dispose of used tissues immediately and wash hands
- Wash soiled clothing, bed linen and towels at 60oC, using detergent – if possible, wear disposable gloves to handle contaminated items
- Surfaces and touch points (taps, toilet flush handle, door handles) should be cleaned then disinfected with bleach-based cleaner
- Check that your child is up to date with their [NHS vaccinations schedule](#)

For further information, visit NHS.uk and search for 'respiratory infections' and 'diarrhoea and vomiting'.

Can you please help Elvington Eco Warriors raise money for Macmillan Cancer support.

We are collecting chocolate/cracker tubs that will be sent for shredding to be reused to make other items, rather than going to land fill. The money made from selling the plastic shavings will go straight to Macmillan Cancer Support. Over £12,000 was raised last year. We wondered if you would be willing to advertise this in your school and be a 'drop off point' please. We would make sure the tubs are collected from you once or twice a week. We have attached some information that could be used to advertise the campaign, should you agree to help us.

Thank you for your time in reading our plea!

From, Elvington Eco Warriors.

TUBS TO PUBS.

We love indulging in chocolate, sweets and crackers over the festive period, and in the UK we are buying tens of millions of these plastic tubs every year.

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste, please bring your clean empty tubs into school from now until 8th February 2025 to be recycled.

All tubs will then be collected and taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they're shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics. All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support and engagement with school life over this term. I will evaluate and share findings of the parent questionnaire when we return from the Christmas Holiday.

The term has been busy but it has been a privilege to work with such happy children and thank you to our passionate staff team for all their hard work and commitment to the education of our children.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas, enjoy time with loved ones.

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