



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1

7th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you have all had a lovely break and time to relax, visit friends and families and create special memories.

On behalf of myself and the staff team we would like to thank you for your kindness in sending such wonderful cards and gifts to us at the end of last term. It is so thoughtful and much appreciated.

This term sees the start of our new Senior Leadership Model and I look forward to working across both Escrick and Wheldrake with Thorganby Schools. As the Executive Headteacher I will continue to ensure that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved and my main priority is to ensure that your child continues to be happy and safe in our school. The wellbeing of the children and staff is already at the heart of our school and this is something that will continue. Mr Broxup and I will work closely together, at both an operational and strategic level, and we will ensure that this new structure is a success for all parties.

The strong partnerships we have with you, as parents, will be further embedded as this will enhance the positive and rewarding experiences that your children have. When in school I will be on the playground as normal and we will continue with our parent forum meetings as this is a vital platform for sharing your thoughts, worries and concerns. Equally should you wish to contact me then please email Mrs Hall in the office and she will book an appointment or phone call.

Newsletters will continue to be sent on a weekly basis and you will also receive your class curriculum newsletter at the end of this week. These will inform you of the key learning topics for the term, days your child has PE, Forest and dance (if applicable this term) and also the homework schedule.

Last term there was a tie between Team Wharfe and Team Ouse – so they will have their non-uniform day this coming Friday, 10th January.

This term our Collective Worship theme is based on the Christian Value of Hope. Sometimes it can be hard to have hope, especially in difficult or worrying times. However, Christians believe that Jesus teaches about hope as something that can grow, with encouragement and faith. Hope is to be shared. EVERYONE CAN BE A HOPE CARRIER 'Hope is a baton, something to be held onto but also passed on. Hope comes to us... to flow through us.'

Our Collective worship sessions are always inclusive of all faiths and of no faiths and allows everyone to join in; they are inspirational to allow us to think about the Big questions in our lives; they are invitational to allow us all to contribute our ideas and to discuss or reflect issues with integrity and respect. Collective worship is a key part of our daily school life and is a key driver for setting the tone for the day and sharing important messages. If you would like to understand our collective worship a little more then please contact the office to arrange a meeting with myself and one of our Foundation Governors.

Diary Dates:

Celebration Assembly Dates

Reception and Year 1 – Monday 27th January 9am

Year 2 and 3 – Monday 3rd February 9am

Year 4 – Monday 10th February

Year 5 and 6 to be held next half term to share memories and photos of their residential trip to East Barnby.

Thursday 23rd January - 9am – Parent Forum Meeting – please raise any issues with your class representatives

Timekeeping and being organised are life skills and we like to support and encourage these at school. Please can we ask that your children are at school on time, the bell is rung at 8.40am and children can then make their way into class. Can we also ask that at this time the children have all their equipment with them for the day ahead. It is distracting for them and disturbs many people when we are delivering items to the classroom throughout the morning.

Class curriculum newsletters will be sent home via email at the end of the week and if you have any further questions or queries then please do contact me either in the playground or if you would like to meet with me then please arrange a meeting via Mrs Hall.

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