



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 3

20th January 2025

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:

Mercury – Alex for trying hard with all areas of school life.

Venus – Elodie for super listening and effort in phonics.

Earth – Leo L for great engagement and enthusiasm in his maths, especially learning his times tables.

Mars – Bodhi for super enthusiasm helping his friends in maths.

Jupiter – Anna R for great focus and effort in all subjects, especially her writing.

Saturn – Georgina for great participation and focus in forest school and a super attitude to her maths work.

Neptune – Harry D for outstanding effort in improving his written work.

Juice and biscuits – [Bea and George \(Reception\)](#); [Hugo and Matty \(Y1\)](#); [Sebby G and Tallulah \(Y2\)](#); [Helena and Olivia \(Y3\)](#); [Noah and Devon \(Y4\)](#); [Emily P and Ivy \(Y5\)](#) and [Herbie and Rowan \(Y6\)](#).

TEAM POINTS – **Well done to Wharfe and Ouse for their draw last week.**

PARKING - A regular complaint the Neighbourhood Policing Team receives is parking outside of schools during drop off and pick up times.

To ensure the safety of the children we ask all parents and guardians to adhere to parking restrictions set outside each school.

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and ideally avoid parking opposite them.
- If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.

Dangerous parking outside school gates has long been an issue locally with repeated calls for patrols made to police on social media.

More patrols are set to be targeted as part of our patrol plan over the coming weeks.

Your assistance is appreciated with this matter.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE – we received 69 replies and the data is shared with you below. Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire as your responses allow us to reflect on and discuss our current practice. There is further information linked to a couple of common questions where there was a higher number of disagree/ strongly disagree responses.

- My child enjoys coming to Escrick C of E Primary School

Strongly agree	47
Agree	16
Neutral	4
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1

- My child is making progress

Strongly agree	31
Agree	31
Neutral	6
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0

- Behaviour at the school is good

Strongly agree	28
Agree	38
Neutral	1
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0

- The teaching in this school is good and meets my child's needs

Strongly agree	31
Agree	25
Neutral	11

Disagree 2

Strongly disagree 0

- I am kept well informed about my child's development

Strongly agree 18

Agree 32

Neutral 10

Disagree 6

Strongly disagree 3

- The school has high expectations of my child

Strongly agree 23

Agree 31

Neutral 11

Disagree 4

Strongly disagree 0

- The school provides an array of opportunities and experiences for my child

Strongly agree 28

Agree 33

Neutral 7

Disagree 1

Strongly disagree 0

- The school is well led and managed

Strongly agree 37

Agree 25

Neutral 7

Disagree 0

	Strongly disagree	0
• The school keeps my child safe		
	Strongly agree	47
	Agree	21
	Neutral	0
	Disagree	1
	Strongly disagree	0
• The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns		
	Strongly agree	28
	Agree	33
	Neutral	5
	Disagree	1
	Strongly disagree	2
• The school caters well for pupils of all abilities		
	Strongly agree	20
	Agree	26
	Neutral	19
	Disagree	4
	Strongly disagree	0
• I am able to contact school when I have a query/concern		
	Strongly agree	46
	Agree	20
	Neutral	3
	Disagree	0
	Strongly disagree	0

- The school provides a good range of extra-curricular activities

Strongly agree	20
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Agree	28
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Neutral	17
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Disagree	4
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Strongly disagree	0
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- School ensures parents are involved in their child's learning/activities across the year

Strongly agree	18
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Agree	39
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Neutral	9
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Disagree	3
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Strongly disagree	0
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- The school effectively promotes British values as part of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development

Strongly agree	22
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Agree	33
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Neutral	12
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Disagree	2
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Strongly disagree	0
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- The school website is useful and the content is up to date

Strongly agree	6
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Agree	31
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Neutral	16
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Disagree	15
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Strongly disagree	1
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- I am happy with the way the school is governed and the oversight of SYMAT

Strongly agree	17
Agree	32
Neutral	15
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	1

Overall we were really pleased with the responses so thank you. We would also like to address a couple of key areas:

- I am kept well informed about my child's development – *we hold 2 face to face parent consultation meetings over the course of the year as well as a written end of year school report that is issued in July. We appreciate that the meetings are only 10 minutes but if we had any concerns regarding your child and their learning we would have contacted you ahead of that. Should you wish to have further information regarding your child's development or if you have any concerns about their progress then you can contact Mrs Hall who will pass any messages on – this may result in a phone call with the class teacher/ and or myself.*
- The school provides a good range of extra-curricular activities – *over the year we offer a range of clubs for different classes. Sometimes these are provided by external companies and others are offered by the staff team. We seek pupil voice as to clubs they may like but we cannot always provide this. We are happy to take parental comments on this at the next parent forum meeting.*
- The school website is useful and the content is up to date – *since becoming part of SYMAT we have lost control over our website. This is now held centrally and overseen by a member of the central SYMAT team, therefore we have to contact them to upload documents etc. We appreciate that this is not ideal as there can be a time lag but they also try to keep the Trust websites aligned so there are less up to date photos etc. We are aware of this but sadly at this time there is very little we can do.*

100 Club winners – January - Congratulations to the following winners.

Charlotte Wardell - £30

Peter Holgate - £20

Mrs GB - £10

Miss Humphrey - £5

Diary Dates:

Reception/ Year 1 Celebration Assembly - parent/carers invited – **Monday 27th January 9am**
Year 2 and 3 Celebration Assembly – parents/carers invited - **Monday 3rd February 9am**
Year 4 Celebration Assembly – parents/carers invited - **Monday 10th February**

PTA meeting on **Tuesday 28th January at 2.45pm** – all parents and carers are welcome to attend here at school. Please use the main entrance.

Year 5 and 6 celebration assembly will 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 beforehand.

Please note Friday 14th February is a Trust Training day so school will finish on Thursday 13th February for half term.

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