



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

3rd September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK – We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our families at the start of this new school year. We hope that all of you have had a relaxing summer break, spent quality time with family and friends and also enjoyed the sunshine that we have been so fortunate to have.

For those families new to our school community, we hope that your children soon settle into school life and you too enjoy this new chapter with your family.

We also welcome Mrs Stonadge to our staff team, as our Year 5 teacher and we hope she has a successful and enjoyable year. Congratulations to Mr Broxup who got married over the summer and we wish him and the new Mrs Broxup lots of love and happiness as they start married life.

We are looking forward to the new term ahead and the learning opportunities and experiences that your children will take part in.

The start of a new school year or a new school can be quite daunting for some children so please do contact Mrs Hall in the office or catch me on the playground if you would like further support and guidance. We value the partnerships between home and school as these help our children to flourish and enjoy their educational journey.

THANK YOU – At the end of last term we were overwhelmed with the gifts and cards that were received and we would like to say a huge thank you for your generosity and kindness.

YLT - As we begin this new academic year, we are proud to introduce our new Trust family: Yorkshire Learning Trust (YLT). Following the merger of The STAR Multi Academy Trust and South York Multi Academy Trust, our school is now part of a wider group of like-minded schools, working together to give every young person the very best possible start in life.

While each school remains deeply rooted in its local community – and will always feel like your child's school first – we know that there is real strength in unity. By working together as a Trust, we can share expertise, support each other more effectively, and open up wider opportunities for our children and staff.

YLT stands for aspiration, inclusion, integrity and collaboration. We believe in the power of belonging: when children and young people feel seen and supported, they can thrive. We also

know that it takes a village to raise a child – and through this new partnership, our ‘village’ has grown stronger than ever.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and to continuing to work closely with you to help every young person flourish.

Ian Yapp CEO, Yorkshire Learning Trust

BUILDING WORKS - Over the summer we have had re-wiring work and painting completed and school once again looks updated! I would like to thank the staff for their additional time in emptying classes and then setting everything up again ready for the children. School looks refreshed and learning environments bright and inviting.

UPDATES - We have a new Management Information System and at the moment we appear to have some teething problems with how it communicates with ParentPay/school money. Please bear with us whilst we iron these issues out and do not worry, your child will be fed and we can contact you should an emergency arises!

CLASS NEWSLETTERS will be emailed early next week but if you have any specific questions once receiving these then please contact the class teacher or myself. If you do need to speak to the class teacher, then please can you catch them at the end of the day to avoid the class being late for registration or alternatively contact the office to make an appointment.

REMINDERS - Please can we ask that children only bring 1 sensible sized bag to school. Children do not need to bring pencil cases or additional equipment to school and ideally in their bag they need their reading book, reading record and if applicable their packed lunch and a water bottle. Please can we ask that all this is placed in one bag that can then be stored on their pegs. *The children in Year 6 may bring a pencil case to school in preparation for secondary school but please can we ask that it is a sensible size.*

For children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 please can we ask that PE bags and forest school bags are placed in their school bags on the day they need them as to reduce bags and equipment in school. Please read your class curriculum letter carefully for information related to when these sessions take place.

DAILY TIMES AND ROUTINES - The school gate at the top of the snicket will be open from 8.35am and school starts promptly at 8.45am. Children will be expected to be in school at this time so they can quickly enter class ready for registration and their morning work. Once the bell has been rung the children need to sensibly enter school through their allocated doors.

The Reception classroom door will be open from 8.40am where Mrs Braham and Mrs Cook will be there to help your child come into school. Please can we ask that if you have older children that you take them to their class door first as this will reduce the queue outside of the reception classroom.

All children have a morning playtime and a playtime at lunchtime. All children finish school at 3.15pm. For children in Reception to Year 4; parents/carers need to pick their children up from the playground outside their classroom. Teacher's will wait with the children until their adult has arrived to pick them up.

Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 have received letters regarding 'permission to walk to/home from school.' If you have not received this and would like to authorise your child to do this, please contact Mrs Gibson Bone.

Winners for August 100 club draw which took place on the last Friday of the academic year!

The draw was live on the parent Facebook group.

Thank you all for your continued support of our PTA.

1st – Ruth Harker £30

2nd – Jen Fenton £20

3rd – Richard Johnson £10

4th – Bogumila Opala £5

FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS – This year the children will have their forest school lessons once a fortnight over the course of the full school year and the schedule will be shared on your class newsletter. ALL children will need to have appropriate clothing for forest school sessions. The children will need long warm trousers, a long-sleeved warm top/jumper and either wellington boots or walking boots. As we move into winter further information will be shared in regard to hats/ gloves etc.

Children who have forest school first lesson may come to school in their forest kit, but they must bring their school uniform and school shoes to change into after.

As always, if there is anything you are unsure of, and the answer is not found on class newsletters then please contact me. A strong partnership between home and school is so important and we all want the children to FLOURISH.

With very best wishes for a successful and happy school year,



Miss Emma E Miller

'Every person is an individual and also part of a community.'

1 Corinthians 12:12-27