



ESCRICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

1st December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

At our assembly this morning the following children received their Headteacher Award:

Reception – Dottie for playing purposefully in provision; looking after resources and always trying new challenges.

Year 1 – George for excellent reasoning explanations in our addition topic in maths.

Year 2 – Louisa for excellent enthusiasm in maths and super multiplication!

Year 3 – Emelia-Grace for always helping with any jobs.

Year 4 – Jesse for lovely independent handwriting about our Roman topic, showcasing all of his knowledge.

Year 5 – Vinnie for his super effort and hard work in maths.

Year 6 – Seth for his commitment to his job at the Chinese restaurant and his super team work. He has also worked hard this week on his fractions, really engaging with the learning.

Congratulations to Team Wharfe who won the most team points last week.

Last Thursday, Miss Curry and a small group of children took the decorations made by our Christmas Craft Club to **York Minster to decorate our Christmas tree**. The tree forms part of the York Minster Christmas Tree Festival, 70 trees throughout the Minster that have been decorated by schools and various organisations in York and will be on display until 5th January. Our tree is in the Chapter House Vestry, entry to which is just to the left of the Astronomical Clock.

If you are a York resident, then entry to the Minster (and the tree festival) is free. It is a lovely and reflective event so please call in to see the Christmas trees if you are able to. We would also like to thank Mrs Hopwood who kindly helped transport the children to the Minster and also helped decorate the tree. Thank you.

Parent Forum – Last week we held our half termly meeting and there was lots to discuss. One point that was raised was parent school partnerships and this is something that we, as a staff team, truly value. Over the school year we hold information sessions which allow you, as parents and carers, to learn more about school life, and how you can help to support your child at home.

In the spring term we will be holding an evening for our Reception Parents with a focus on how to support your child with learning and behaviour expectations in school as well as a maths curriculum evening for all parents/carers. Dates will be shared in January.



PTA update – On Friday 5th December the PTA will be hosting their Christmas Movie Night. Tickets will cost £6.50 per child, and include a hotdog, drink and snack. Children will have a choice of 4 films: The Grinch, Home Alone, Detective Pikachu or Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw.

Children will need to be collected from the main entrance at 5.30pm. PTA will send a link out soon so you can sign up for tickets.

This year PTA will also be doing a Christmas jumper swap. Bring your children's old (too small but still good enough to wear again jumpers or t shirts). Please bring in your jumpers on the morning of the 5th of December so we can get them sorted and ready for you to browse through when you pick up from Movie Night.

Christmas Events for Parents/Carers

This week, parents of children in **Reception and Year 1** will receive 2 tickets per family per Christmas performance. To attend the events, you will need a ticket, and this includes any younger siblings who you may bring to watch the plays. You can swap tickets amongst yourselves, but we have no spare tickets to issue.

Parents of children in **Year 2** will not receive tickets for their Christmas event but you will be allowed to bring 2 people per family to watch. Again, pre-school children are counted within the 2.

The children are practising hard but understandably there may be nerves on the day! Please may we ask for consideration during the performances, to turn off mobile phones, camera flashes and if you have any preschool children that become unsettled, please leave the hall until they are calm. We ask that any photos taken are not to be shared on social media but are for personal use only.

For all **Key stage 2** events tickets are not issued but there is a limit of 2 per family coming to watch.

These restrictions are in place to comply with health and safety regulations, so we politely ask that you respect this. Thank you.

Dates

Monday 1 st December	2.30pm – Lighting the tree – Year 5/6 parents invited (2 per family)
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Tuesday 2 nd December	2.30pm – Rocksteady Concert for parents of children who attend Rocksteady (2 per family)
Friday 5 th December	<i>PTA Film night and donate your old Christmas jumpers for the jumper swap!</i>
Monday 8 th December	2.30pm – Year 3/4 Parents invited to the Christmas Music Ensemble (2 per family)
Tuesday 9 th December	9.30am Nativity – Reception and Year 1 parents invited (2 per family)
Wednesday 10 th December	2.30pm Year 2 parents invited to ‘A Christmas Carol.’ (2 per family)
Thursday 11 th December	2.15pm Nativity – Reception and Year 1 parents invited (2 per family)
Friday 12 th December	Shhhhhh it’s a whole school surprise.
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch and wear your Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 18 th December	Reindeer Rush Fundraiser Christmas Party Day – Party Clothes
Friday 19 th December	Non-Uniform Day Finish for the Christmas Holidays

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or queries then please come and see me.

With best wishes



Miss Emma E Miller

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