



Spring Term 2026

Newsletter 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday 13th February both Escrick CE Primary and Wheldrake with Thorganby CE Primary Schools will be holding a Plastic Recycling Day. The aim of the day is to develop the children's understanding of the importance of caring for the environment and reducing waste. We hope the day will provide a hands-on way for children to learn about sustainability, recycling and how everyday actions can make a big difference. The children will work in mixed age groups to take part in four different workshops to develop STEM, design and construction skills as well as working collaboratively. We hope that this will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to take part in.

The children will remain in their own schools but if you or somebody you know would be willing to support staff to deliver a workshop in either school then please contact either Mrs Butterfield or Mrs Hall in the school offices.

We would like to involve the children in collecting and sorting plastic so please can we ask for the following year groups to bring plastic items as below:

*Please note that any donations MUST be washed and dry, thank you.

Rec - squash /pop bottles and lids

Y1 - yoghurt / jelly / dessert pots

Y2 - milk bottles and lids

Y3 - shampoo / conditioner / shower gel bottles

Y4 - lidded tubs e.g. - margarine tubs

Y5 - fruit and vegetable tubs

Y6 - plastic bags

Please collect your items at home and bring donations into school on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February.

Support with reading - Parents can make a huge difference to their children's progress simply by sharing any form of reading at home. This doesn't just mean school books—children benefit from reading *anything* that interests them. This could include storybooks, comics, recipes, football programmes, magazines, signs, instructions, fact books or even subtitles on the TV. Spending a few minutes each day reading together, talking about new words, asking simple questions about the story, or letting children read their favourite books again and again all helps build confidence, vocabulary and fluency. Most importantly, enjoying reading together shows children that reading is fun. Please can we ask that you support reading at home and make notes when your child has read as we can further discuss at school, thank you.

We are delighted to be taking part in the Greene King Tub2pub scheme which recycles empty chocolate tubs to raise money for MacMillan Cancer charity. All plastic chocolate or cracker tubs need to be empty and clean and handed into school by the end of January when Mrs GB will deliver them to Greene King. Thank you for your support.

With very best wishes,



Miss E E Miller

Safeguarding children – if you have any concerns for the welfare of a child please contact Miss Miller, Miss Tams or Mr Broxup.

Respecting staff – our staff are dedicated professionals. We will not accept any abuse towards our staff.



Last week we had our first Thursday celebration assembly for Year 4/5 children and it was great to see so many parents/carers attend. On the 29th January we look forward to welcoming parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 1, please use the top gate and main entrance for a 2.45pm start.

Today our Reception and Year 1 are visiting the mobile library here in Escrick and we really hope they have a great experience and find some lovely books.

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-27



Thank you to those of you who came to the PTA meeting last week, a number of great events were discussed and agreed for the remainder of this term.

A message from Pre School - This week at pre-school it has been all about the little things! We've enjoyed mark making and practising scissor skills, exploring peg boards and patterns, threading, and transferring objects with tweezers, jugs, and sieves. Great activities for helping our fine motor skills grow as we develop and strengthen our hand muscles. We've also seen some great teamwork and lots of us worked together to build tall towers outside and create bridges and boats in the water tray. It is great to see really thoughtful problem-solving skills emerging as well as some lovely friendships too!

‘Love your neighbour as yourselves.’ *Matthew 22:39*

‘Let us encourage one another.’ *Hebrews 10:25*