

ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Already we find ourselves nearing the end of another school year! (where does the time go!) This half term has been a great example of how busy we are in the summer providing a range of opportunities and experiences for the children of Eskdale. Looking ahead, the second half of the summer term looks to be even busier! Have a great half term break.

Y5 Maths Challenge Day

A small group of our Y5 pupils were put through their mathematical paces earlier this half term as they navigated a number of challenges to stretch their thinking at Nottingham High School. The children had a great time, enjoying the opportunity to really think hard! Many thanks to Miss Tabram for organising this fab experience for our pupils and additional thanks to Mrs Huntley for accompanying the children on the visit.



Y4 Visit Beaumanor

Y4 had a wonderful time at Beaumanor Hall in Leicestershire earlier this term as they found out what it was like to be an evacuee at the time of World War Two. Pupils had a go at shopping with rations, made ID cards and intercepted 'enemy' messages. A fantastic opportunity to enrich the children's understanding of this period in our History. Many thanks to the Y4 team for organising this excellent experience.



Y5 Residential Visit to Whitby

Y5 travelled to a sunny but chilly North Yorkshire as they were the first pupils on our new residential experience in Whitby. Pupils engaged in a number of enriching experiences including coastal walks, a tour of the town, a visit to the RNLi (just to name a few) and a brief paddle in the sea! A fabulous time was had by all. Many thanks to Miss Knightsbridge and Mrs Briggs for organising the visit and to the rest of the adults who accompanied the group.



Y4 Class Assembly Bubba the Cowboy Prince

Y4 pupils sharpened their acting skills as they delivered an excellent performance of 'Bubba the Cowboy Prince' for parents and carers this half term. The children exceeded expectation, wowing us all with this amusing 'Wild West' take on the classic Cinderella story! Well done to all those children who took part and a huge thank you to the Y4 team for their support for pupils.



PTFA Summer Fair

Our fantastic PTFA are currently in the process of planning our annual Summer Fair. This is a huge undertaking and one of the frequent challenges with delivering this event is a lack of volunteers to run stalls for short periods of time. Support from our school community is essential for PTFA events to run for both pupils and adults in school. Can I urge parents to please contact school or our PTFA at eskdalejuniorptfa@gmail.com if you are able to provide support? Thank you.



Football

We continued our football season this half term-both league and friendly matches. In our first fixture of the term, the boys/mixed team beat Bramcote Hills Primary 3-1 in a friendly before losing in a league fixture 5-2 to strong Bramcote C of E side. Our girls team continued to impress this half term. Narrowly losing to John Clifford Primary 3-2 before beating Toton Bispham Drive 4-3 (a last-minute winner sealing victory!) Many thanks to Mr Ward from Phoenix for his continued support for the girl squad.

PTFA 50/50 Lottery

Our PTFA provided parents/carers with a new and exciting initiative this term. The 50/50 lottery gave parents the chance to buy tickets at just £1 with the opportunity to win either 50%, 30% or 20% of the prize pot! Congratulations to those parents who were 'winners' this time.

Year 6 SATS

Our Y6 pupils were subject to the 'dreaded' SATs earlier this term. The children were excellent, showing real resilience in what is a very challenging week for everyone in school. The wonderful support the children have had from our Y6 team in preparing for this moment was a notable contributor to their readiness.

Well done to all our children in Y6 and to all those adults who have supported the children at this challenging time.

Reminders!

- Pupils must wear a helmet if they are bringing a bike or a scooter to school. (safety must remain a priority).
- Trainers are not school uniform and should only be worn on P.E days.

The children are back in school on Monday 3rd June. Have a happy, safe and relaxing half term break.

Yours sincerely,

R Scruton
Head teacher