

ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. I hope you all were able to have a restful half term break and that your children are ready for a busy final Eskdale half term of this school year!

Y6 Road Safety

Pupils in Y6 had an important 'skills and knowledge moment' as they were reminded of the importance of road safety and the different crossings they may encounter on journeys, especially as they get ever closer to their move to secondary school. Many thanks to our Y6 staff for their support for the children and to Nottinghamshire County Council for delivering the sessions.



Y3 Stoneage Day

Y3 had their Stoneage history unit of work enriched last term with a visit from Primary History Workshops who talked to the children about what it was like to live in this fascinating time in the past. Pupils engaged in tool making, artefact finding, cave painting, archery and tried on some of the clothing that would have been worn at that time in History. The children had a fantastic time! Many thanks to our Y3 team for organising this enriching opportunity.



Girls Football

Our girls were taught a bit of a footballing lesson by The Lanes Primary School last half term. After the shock of going 2-0 down, the girls got back into the game, dragging the score to 2-2 before conceding two more late goals. Final score Eskdale 2-4 The Lanes. Well done to all those girls who took part and many thanks to all those parents/carers who were able to come and support the team. More fixtures and a tournament to come for our girls squad this half term.



South Broxtowe Football Tournament

Our boys team travelled to Roundhill Primary last week to participate in the annual South Broxtowe Football Tournament. With 10 teams participating, the afternoon had a great competitive feel and with the games only being short, the race to score first in each game was essential! In the group stage, the boys won 2, lost 1 and drew 1 game meaning they qualified for the semi-finals where sadly we lost 1-0 to Bramcote C of E. For the 3rd and 4th play-off game, despite going 1-0 up, we conceded a late equaliser and then went on to lose in a penalty shoot-out against The Lanes. A cruel way to end what was a fantastic tournament for the boys. So proud of all those children who took part.

Curriculum Fair

Further to the curriculum evening for parents/carers earlier in the week, we invited parents/carers from Y3 and Y4 to find out more about the specifics of our curriculum from our subject leaders in school. Parents/carers were able to find out more about each subject, from how the subject is taught, the specific skills and knowledge that pupils learn and look at pupil work. Many thanks to all those staff in school for their time in supporting this important event and thank you also to all those parents/carers from Y3 and Y4 who were able to attend.

STARS Young Artist Monster Madness

Pupils at S.T.A.R.S took part in a competition to design a monster alongside Young Artists. Entries were submitted and all of the monster designs were selected to be published in a book which will be released to the public before the end of this school year! All pupils who took part were given a certificate and stickers-I can't wait to see the children's designs when the book arrives at school! Well done to all those pupils who took part and many thanks to Mrs Tunney and Mrs Thorpe for their support for the children.



Parents Curriculum Evening

After the success of our parent English and Maths tours last term, we continued with our plans to share with parents more about our curriculum and the way it is taught through a parent's information evening. This was to provide an overview of the subjects taught in school and how the children learn. Many thanks to all those (5!) parents/carers who were able to attend. Your support is very much appreciated.

D-Day 80th Anniversary Lunch

We held a special D-Day landings Lunch on 6 June to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Villages, towns, cities, organisations of all sizes in the UK marked the 80th anniversary with community events on the day. At Eskdale we joined lots of the other schools and nurseries in Broxtowe by taking part in paying tribute to the thousands of brave people who sacrificed their lives for securing the peace and freedom we enjoy. At Eskdale our special lunch serving fish and chips with mushy peas was to show support for the fishermen who fished the seas avoiding the mines and the German submarines, along with the men and women who farmed the fields to keep the nation fed, not knowing if their loved ones would return. We also had a special assembly and the hall was decorated. We would like to thank our school caterers Coombs for supporting this event. It was lovely to see so many children taking part.



Reminders!

Sports Week-week beginning 17/6/24

Week beginning Monday 17th June we will be holding our annual Sports Week. Mr Holmes is currently planning a week of sporting opportunities for all pupils to take part in. The children will need to come to school in P.E kit every day with a water bottle and sun-cream, hats and waterproofs (depending on the weather).

Sports Day 20/6/24

Our annual sports day will be within sports week (weather permitting!) Parents/carers are more than welcome to come and watch their children participate. Y3 and Y4 will be in the morning and Y5 and 6 will be in the afternoon. Timings will be shared closer to the event.

Armed Forces/Camo Day Friday 21st June

Our annual support for the service community will be at the end of sports week with our very own Armed Forces/Camo Day. We will be showing our support by inviting pupils to come to schools in 'camo' colours (greens, browns etc...) for a donation of £1 on Friday 21st June. This donation will go to support armed forces charities.

PTFA

Our PTFA are currently planning our annual Summer Fair due to be held on Friday 5th July. As ever the challenge is ensuring we have enough support to be able to run a range of stalls that have interest for both pupils and parents/carers. If you are able to run a stall for just 30 mins, that would be a huge help. Please contact our PTFA at eskdalejuniorptfa@gmail.com if you are able to help any way to support the Summer Fair. Thank you so much in advance for your support.

Sun safe

It is likely that we will finally be treated to some better weather at some point this term. Please ensure your son or daughter is equipped with sunhat, sun-cream and a refillable water bottle-especially on P.E days. Thank you.



Please look out for dates on the school calendar that relate to specific year groups this term however please be aware of the following dates:

Monday 17th June: P.E week begins-please send your son or daughter in sport kit for the whole week.

Thursday 20th June: Sports Day-Y5 & Y6 10am-11.50am, Y3 & Y4 1.30pm-3.15pm.

Friday 21st June: Camo Day-£1 donation to support Armed Forces charities

Friday 28th June: Non-uniform day-donations for the summer fair (more detail to follow)

Friday 5th July: PTFA Summer Fair

Tuesday 16th July: Book swap-pupils can donate a book and choose one to keep from the donations

Friday 19th July: End of year reports to parents

Friday 19th July: Sports Day reserve date

Friday 26th July: Final day of the term-school closes for summer

Yours sincerely,

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