

ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



Spring Term 2nd Half Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the start of the second half of the spring term. I hope you were all able to have a restful half term break. The sun is shining and we have a very busy half term leading up to Easter with lots of opportunities and events to enrich your child's experience at Eskdale.

Football

Our boys started the half term with a friendly fixture against Sunnyside Spencer Academy, looking to build upon their victory versus John Clifford before the break. In a physical (and rather one sided!) encounter the boys won 4-0! A great confidence-boosting victory as we face more matches in the next few weeks. A special mention for Heritage in 6G who scored a hat-trick! Well done to all those boys who were involved in a much-improved performance! Many thanks also to parent Mr Cherry who kindly volunteered for refereeing duties.

Communication

A reminder of the different ways that we communicate with parents to ensure that all parents/carers feel as informed as possible. ParentMail is our main source of communication. This is often for reminders, important messages and updates. I urge you to read these at all times to make sure you are not missing important information. Each week we share a weekly menu. This details our assembly theme, reminders, food menu, clubs and other opportunities that are happening during that week. MarvellousMe is used as part of our behaviour system and parents will receive a weekly communication if your son or daughter has met school expectations for the week. This is also used to communicate pupil success. School has an 'X' account (@eskdalejunior) This is used to share notable events in school and a great way of seeing how the children's experience at Eskdale is being enriched.

Reminders!

Make Time to Read Month: March 1st-31st

As ever, we have a huge number of activities planned for week beginning 1st March as a reminder to our children of the importance of reading. Notably is the Book Fair which will be in school from March 3rd -14th. More information on our plans for a month-long celebration of reading and books see attached communication.

Grandparents lunch

We will be giving the grandparents of Eskdale an opportunity to come and have a meal with their grandson or granddaughter and the children of Eskdale.

Comic Relief/Red Nose Day 2025

We will be recognising this important charity on Friday 21st March. More details will follow on how we plan to mark the occasion this year including performing a funny poem.

PTFA Events

Our PTFA have a number of events this half term to support both Make Time to Read month and Easter. There will be two film nights, Easter colouring competition and a kid's bingo night!

Easter Egg competition

Every year we hold our annual Easter egg competition challenging pupils to decorate an Easter egg in the most creative or unusual way possible. In the past we have had a number of incredible entries and we would love it if as many children as possible across school got involved this year. I will share with the children some previous creations in assembly this half term to inspire them this half term and all entries will be judged in the final week before the Easter break.

Parents evening

Parents evening date/s this half term are:

Wednesday 1st April

Thursday 2nd April

Further information and booking will be communicated closer to the time.

M&M Production: The Secret Garden

As a huge thank you to the children for their excellent contribution to our successful Ofsted inspection, we will be treating them to a theatrical performance in school (this also is a great way of supporting Make Time to Read month)

Non-uniform day 4th April

We will be holding a non-uniform day on the last day of this term and are requesting a £1 donation on this day.

Yours sincerely,
R Scruton