

# ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



## Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a short half term, made even shorter with Bank Holidays, but no less busy at Eskdale Junior! It does seem that the weather is finally beginning to feel more like summer and it has been great for the children to get on the school field at break and lunchtimes. From everyone at Eskdale Junior have a great half term break before the return to school and our busiest time of year!

### Y6 Choose Lunch - End of SATS Week

Our meals provider Coombs treated our hard-working Y6 pupils at the end of last week allowing them to choose the meal that everyone ate during lunchtime! From a number of choices, the children picked Mac and cheese with/without bacon and double chocolate chip cookie! A great way to end a challenging week!



### Y5 Space Centre Trip

Y5 pupils had their science curriculum enriched with a visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester this half term. Pupils were fascinated by the interactive exhibits, especially the planetarium show and the rocket tower. They explored the wonders of our solar system, learned how astronauts live and work in space and even had the chance to try hands-on activities that sparked their curiosity and imagination. It was a fun-filled trip and left all of Y5 (including the adults!) inspired by the mysteries of the universe. Many thanks to the Y5 team for organising this enriching opportunity for the children.



### VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We marked the historic 80th anniversary of VE Day in school earlier this half term with an indoor 'street-party', complete with decorations and themed meal from our meal's provider Coombs. Away from lunchtime, Mrs Dorn delivered a poignant assembly, celebrating 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe. Many thanks to Mrs Wharmby and Mrs Owen (our kitchen team) and Mrs Arnold, Mrs Clowes and Mrs Dorn for their support in ensuring this event was memorable for pupils.



### Football

We continued our football season this half term with league and friendly matches for both girls' and boys' teams.

Our girls team had a strong start to the half term, thrashing Sunnyside Spencer Academy 9-1! In the third game of this half term, we faced a strong side from Fairfield Spencer Academy, losing 4-0. It has been great to see our girls team develop over the last half term-so proud of all those children who have represented school. Many thanks to Mr Ward from Phoenix for his continued support for the girl's squad both through training sessions each Friday and his support at every match. In our final league fixture of the term, the boys/mixed team were beaten by Bramcote C of E Primary 5-1. A huge well done to all those children who have represented school this half term and many thanks to parent Mr Cherry for helping with refereeing matches. More games and two tournaments to come for our boy's and girl's teams in the second half of the summer term.



### Y4 Class Assembly 'Vikings & Anglo-Saxons'

It was thrilling to see our Y4 pupils in performance mode earlier this half term as they wowed parents/carers with both their knowledge of the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons and acting skills. The children delivered an excellent performance for parents and carers this half term, mixing humour and knowledge. The children really exceeded expectation! 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 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

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. If you are able to provide support by running a stall for a short period of time, that would be hugely appreciated.



### PTFA 50/50 Lottery

Our PTFA continued with the 50/50 lottery initiative this half 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, with 1st prize of £30.50, 2nd £18.30 and 3rd £12.20



### Year 6 SATS

After weeks of revision and preparation, our Y6 pupils took their SATs (Standard Attainment Tests) earlier this half term. The children were excellent, showing maturity and real resilience in what is a very challenging week for everyone in school. A huge well done to all our children in Y6 and to all those adults who have supported the children at this challenging time.



### Reminders!

Please be reminded that trainers are not school uniform and should only be worn on P.E days. Please also ensure that your son or daughter is not wearing jewellery in school. Only studded earrings are permitted.

The children are back in school on Monday 2nd June for the start of the second half of the summer term.

Have a happy, safe and relaxing half term break.

Yours sincerely,

R Scruton