

ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



Autumn 2nd Term Newsletter

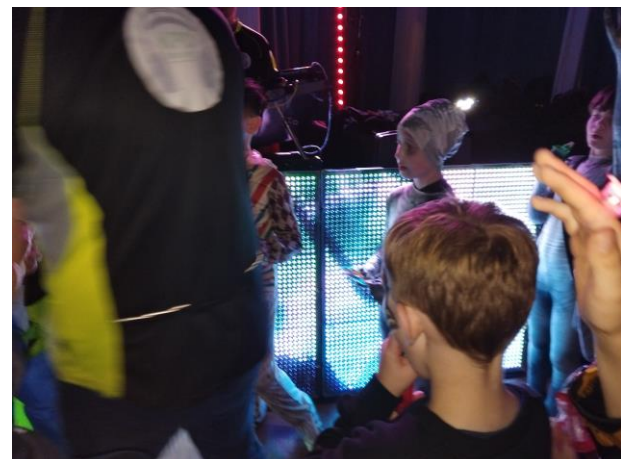
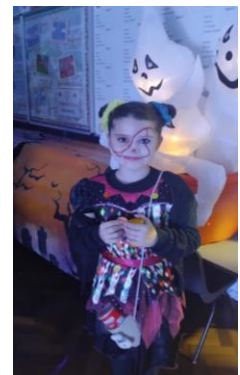
Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the start of a new half term! I hope both you and your children have had a restful break and are ready for the busy run-up to Christmas! A refreshed diary accompanies this newsletter – please look out for any changes or additions.

PTFA Halloween Discos

Many thanks to our wonderful PTFA for organising two excellent Halloween discos for pupils at the end of last half term. The children looked fantastic in all manner of terrifying outfits and had the opportunity to play games, eat hotdogs and other treats and dance the night away to the amazing sounds of the DJ (I believe there is video evidence on the PTFA Facebook page!)! A great night had by all! Many thanks to all those PTFA members, parents/carers and members of staff who were able to help on the night. The disco raised an impressive £654.32!

Our PTFA are busy organising a number of Christmas themed events for both pupils and parents to enjoy later this half term. Further information about these events will be shared with parents/carers in due course.



Severn Trent Water Visit

It was great to welcome Chloe from Severn Trent Water into assembly at the end of last half term. Chloe shared with pupils all the great work that Severn Trent do in keeping our water supply clean and the journey it takes to get to our homes. She also emphasised the importance of only putting the 3 'Ps' down the toilet (Pee, Poo and Toilet Paper). An excellent insight into part of our lives that we often take for granted!



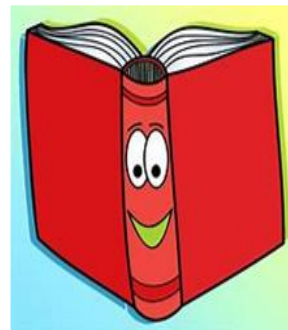
Football

Our boys squad continued their football season early this half term, hoping to put the memory of a heavy defeat at the hands of Bramcote C of E primary behind them with an away fixture at Albany Junior. In an entertaining match, the boys showed unmatched determination in a much-improved performance. Final score: Albany 1 – 4 Eskdale. A special mention for Yaqcub in Y6 who scored a hat-trick! A huge well done to all those boys who took part and many thanks to the parents/carers who were able to provide support!



Y5 & Y6 Bake & Read

Once again, pupils and parents/carers came together to share a book and sweet treat in the school hall as Y5 and Y6 took part in our popular Bake and Read event. This was a fantastic opportunity to emphasise the importance of reading, especially for our oldest children. The event reaffirmed that despite them being the oldest children in school, our pupils still relish the opportunity to sit with an adult and read. Many thanks to all those who made the Bake and Read such a success: Mr Dransfield, Mrs Clowes, Mrs Arnold, Library Squad and all those other adults who were able to help out. Finally, a big thank you to all parents/carers who have been able to support the Bake and Read events.



Uniform

A reminder that pupils must be in the correct uniform at all times – details can be found on the school website. Pre-loved good quality logo uniform can be purchased on ParentMail. We do have some PE tops available. Please contact the school office regarding colours and sizes. Support with uniform can be found on the school website. Thank you in advance for your support.

Attendance

Our attendance was incredible last half term (over 97%!) and we want to be able to maintain this standard both this half term (especially as this is the time of year when illness begins to creep in) and for the remainder of the year. Your support in achieving this is invaluable to us. Thank you in advance for your support.

Attendance Matters



Cycle to School Week

Many thanks to all those who took part in cycle and scooter to school week before half term. Our scooter and cycle enthusiasts from Y5 and 6 have been busy at lunchtimes counting up all the 'tokens' and after all that hard work, made the all-important draw in assembly on Friday this week. Well done to James Dengate, Oluwatobi Adeiga, & Emer O'Sullivan who received a bike/scooter themed prize donated by Cycle Inn, Beeston. Well done to all those children who took part, to our fantastic bike and scooter enthusiasts, Yasmeen, Amelia, Sophie and Scarlett, who have masterminded the event, and not forgetting the fabulous Cycle Inn for their support with donated prizes.



Reminders!

Please see the dates below for whole school events that are coming up this half term and the school diary that accompanies this newsletter with details of any year group-specific activities.

November

Monday 10th-Friday 14th: Anti-bullying week 'Power for Good'

Monday 10th – Remembrance Lunch

Tuesday 11th – Odd Socks day and Odd Socks Day Lunch 'Taste the Rainbow'

Friday 14th: Children in Need-a £1 donation to the charity, please send children in spotty or yellow clothing on this day

Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th – PTFA Christmas Movie Nights

Friday 28th - PTFA non-uniform day-Christmas raffle donations for PTFA Christmas Quiz

December

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th – Y3 Nativity

Monday 15th: Christmas Dinner Day **Please be sure to pre-order your child's meal on ParentMail. We will be unable to provide a dinner for anyone who has not ordered this in advance.**

Monday 15th – Christmas jumper day-£1 donation to Save the Children charity

Thursday 18th – Christmas Parties

Friday 19th: Non-uniform day £1 donation

Friday 19th: Christmas Carol Service (Pupils only)

Friday 19th: Last day of the term - **BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS.**

The children are back in school on **Monday 5th January 2026**

Yours sincerely,

R Scruton
Head Teacher

