

# ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



## Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the summer term! I hope that you all have had a restful Easter break. A shorter newsletter at the start of this term with some important reminders as we head into the busiest time of the year in school.

Please can I remind parents to read all communications from school-they are invaluable in ensuring both you and your children can take advantage of the all the opportunities that are on offer.

  
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### PTFA Events - Polite Request

Our P.T.F.A are constantly looking at planning more exciting events for your children to enrich their experience at school. Recently however, we have had an increasing number of instances where parents/carers have booked their children on P.T.F.A events when the children do not want to be there or have no interest in the event. This has led to some disruption at events (notably film nights), spoiling the experience for other children. Please can I ask that parents/carers speak to their children before booking them onto an event or do not send their children to P.T.F.A events that they have no interest in. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Bikes & Scooters at School

With some warmer weather hopefully around the corner, we usually get an increase in pupil's wanting to bring a bike or scooter to school. Please remember, you will need to have signed the school contract (available at the school office) for your son or daughter to have the opportunity to bring a bike or scooter to be stored in school and above all else, ensure that they **have a helmet** to wear for their safety. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



### IRIS ParentMail

Please remember to check ParentMail regularly, as important updates, reminders, and school information are shared there throughout the week. Staying up to date helps us keep everyone informed, connected and makes sure both parents and children don't miss important information, events or activities.

### Uniform

Please can parents ensure they support school in maintaining a high standard of uniform at all times. Details on uniform expectations can be found on the school website. Notable areas that need improvement in school are pupils wearing school shoes (not trainers-P.E days are the only exception) and pupils not wearing jewellery (apart from studded earrings).

### Y6 DAaRT Assembly

This week's Y6 DAaRT assembly was a real highlight. Confidently led and delivered by our Year 6 pupils, the children shared key messages about making safe and informed choices, demonstrating maturity and confidence throughout. Back in the classroom after the assembly parents/carers had the opportunity to look and talk through with the children the range of imaginative and creative work that the children had produced, really reflecting our core value Skills and Knowledge for Life. So proud of all those pupils who 'graduated', equipping them with important knowledge to tackle the most challenging social situations in the future. Many thanks to all those parent/carers who took the time to share in their children's success, not forgetting a huge thanks to Miss Groves, Mr Holmes and the rest of the Y6 team for their support for the children.

### Music

Parents/carers may recall some of the challenges that we have been facing with re-starting our music lesson since the departure of Miss Linley at Christmas. After a long search with company PPA Ltd, I am pleased to announce that music lessons returned to Eskdale this week. Mr Dunn, our new music teacher will be delivering music to all year groups for the remainder of the school year. I know he has had a positive start at Eskdale and has been very complementary about our children.

### Attendance

A brief reminder of the importance of attendance and punctuality. Firstly, a huge thank you to all those parents/carers who ensure that their children attend everyday, especially those who maintain this in the most challenging of circumstances. Our school attendance at the end of last term was 96% which places us above national values (ahead of all schools in England) and ensures that your children benefit from all the opportunities in school that support both their academic and personal development. In addition to this, punctuality is equally as important. Across school opportunities are being taken to support your children from 8:55am and being on-time ensures a smooth start to the school day. Pupils who arrive after 8:55am until 9:10am will be marked as late and after 9:10am as an unauthorised absence.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who ensure that their children are on time every day-your support is invaluable to both your children and school.

### Reminders!

**Please see attached Diary Dates for this term:**

**April Tuesday 28th:** 7pm FREE Papaya Talk in the school hall 'Let's Talk About Our Kids and Their Tech' with Dr Laura Spells-book on ParentMail. A session to explore children's use of devices and the impact on their health.

**May Friday 1st: Non-uniform day (£1 donation)**

**Monday 4th: BANK HOLIDAY-school is closed**

Yours sincerely,  
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Head teacher