

ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year! I hope you were able to have a restful half term break and have been able to enjoy some of the wonderful weather. The second half of the summer term is our longest and busiest time of year – look out of all the opportunities that both your children and family can take part in!

Girls Football

Our girls concluded their football fixtures at the end of last half term with a match versus Fairfield Spencer Academy School. In an impressive performance, the girls thrashed the visiting side 9-0 – an amazing end to the season! Well done to all those girls who took part, many thanks to Mr Ward for his support for the team and to parent Mr Cherry for his refereeing duties once again.

Make the Rules Day

Many thanks to our fab P.T.F.A who organised another enriching opportunity for our pupils at the end of last half term. Pupils were challenged to adhere to one (or more!) of a few less familiar school rules (just for one day!) for a small donation. We had a wonderful response to the day with the children relishing the opportunity to make sure they stuck to the new rules dressing and looking in a very alternative way! Many thanks to our P.T.F.A for organising the event and a special mention to our junior P.T.F.A who took donations on the gate in the morning.



Boys South Broxtowe Football Tournament

Our boys team travelled to Roundhill Primary this 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 lost to Roundhill Primary 1-0, beat John Clifford Primary 1-0, lost to The Lanes Primary 3-0 and in their final game, beat Grange Primary 1-0. Unfortunately that meant that they were just 1 point off qualifying for the semi-finals! A great afternoon had by all. So proud of all those children who took part who gave every match all their effort!

Road Safety

On Monday 1st June, Year 5 and 6 took part in some road safety workshops organised and ran VIA. The children looked at the different types of crossing and learnt how to cross a road safely.

Bikeability

This week, Year 5 pupils who had signed up for Bikeability successfully completed their Level 1 training. Taking place in a traffic-free environment on the school playground, the course helped children develop the fundamental skills needed to become safe and confident cyclists. Throughout the training, pupils learned how to carry out basic safety checks on their bikes, set off and stop safely, control their speed, navigate around obstacles and improve their overall bike handling skills. Children who successfully completed Level 1 will now progress to Level 2 training, where they will develop their skills further and begin applying them in real road environments.

RE Competition

Last term, some Year 5 and 6 children took part in a competition to design the cover of the new Nottinghamshire RE syllabus. The children were tasked with creating something that showed that RE is important in the curriculum and is for all. Our school didn't win the competition, but Emma Chan's (6G) design did get chosen as a highly commended piece for our school and will be on display at the launch training of the new RE syllabus for people to see. Well done to all of the children that took part.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance at the end of the half term was 96%. Your children attending every day is not just about school statistics, it is essential for them to make progress both academically and personally. Thank you to all those parents/carers who continue to support both their children and school by ensuring their children attend school every day.

School Uniform

School uniform is an important part of pupils being recognised as a proud 'Eskdaler'. Please continue to support school by ensuring that your child is in correct uniform. Please note, jewellery (apart from stud earrings), and trainers (apart from on P.E days) are not acceptable uniform. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sun Safe

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

Reminders:

PTFA Non-uniform day 12/6/26

Our PTFA will be holding a non-uniform day for donations for Esk Fest this half term. More details to follow in a separate communication.

Sports Week-week beginning 15/6/26-19/6/26

Week beginning Monday 15th June we will be 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 18/6/26

Our annual sports day will be within sports week. Parents/carers are more than welcome to come and watch their children participate. Y3 and 4 will be in the morning and Y5 and 6 will be in the afternoon. Timings will be shared closer to the event

PTFA Esk-Fest 19/6/26

In a change to our annual summer fair, our P.T.F.A are currently planning 'Esk Fest'. A family friendly event with many of the favourites from our summer fair but with some exciting new additions. The reserve date for Esk-Fest is 10/7/26

Armed Forces/Camo Day 26/6/26

Our very own Armed Forces/Camo Day in support of our service community will be on Friday 26th June. 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 this day. This donation will go to support armed forces charities.

Sports Day reserve date: 15/7/26

End of Year Reports to Parents/Carers-17/7/26

PTFA End of Year Disco-24/7/26

Monday 27th July: Final day of the term-school closes for summer

Yours sincerely,

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