

# ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



## Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. I hope you all were able to have a restful half term break and your children have recharged their batteries, ready for another busy Eskdale half term! Once again, this half term looks to be full of events and opportunities for both pupils and parents/carers.

### Sad News

It is always sad when we say goodbye to a member of staff at Eskdale. Later this half term, teaching assistant Mrs Neylon will leave Eskdale to pursue a completely different career working in the NHS. Mrs Neylon has worked with our children for over 6 years, both in Y3 and Y4 and has consistently delivered a high standard of support and care for our children. All at Eskdale wish her all the best in her new job!



### Football

We ended last term with an extraordinary football match against John Clifford School. Despite leading 3-1 at one stage of the match we were pinned back to 3-3! With less than a minute to play, we scored an emphatic last-minute winner. Final score: Eskdale 4, John Clifford 3. An amazing game of football that had everyone's heart racing! Well done to all those boys who took part and many thanks to all those parents/carers who were able to come and support the team. In other football news, it was great to showcase our new football shirts that have been kindly donated to school by Mr & Mrs Clowes. The boys looked fantastic! Who knows, it could well have been the new shirts that inspired victory!



### Y4 Times Tables Test

Y4 were challenged by the government imposed National Multiplication Times Table Check this week. Pupil's had to demonstrate the speed of their times table recall and answer multiplication questions within a 6 second time-frame. Our children were fantastic and deserved credit for their perseverance and resilience. Many thanks to our Y4 teaching team who have been excellent at preparing the children for this moment over the last few weeks. Times tables are a hugely important aspect to your child's mathematical understanding and we would encourage you to support your child at home by using Times Table Rock Stars regularly.

### South Broxtowe Football Tournament

This year marked the return of the South Broxtowe Football Tournament at Bramcote hills Primary after being missing from our sporting calendar for 3 years due to the pandemic. After winning the last tournament back in 2019, it was exciting to see if we could revive former glories. Sadly, it wasn't to be. The team played 5 matches, drawing 3 and losing 2 by only 1-0 in each game. There was a glimmer of hope of reaching the semi-finals in the final however a disallowed goal prevented this. The children were brilliant and demonstrated fantastic resilience even when the chips were down! Well done to all those who took part and many thanks to all those parents/carers who were able to help with transport and support for the team.



### South Broxtowe Netball Tournament

Just as with the football, this year also marked the return of the South Broxtowe Netball Tournament after being missing from our sporting calendar for 3 years due to the pandemic. Our team of netballers led by Miss Hackett played 3 matches and despite demonstrating a huge amount of determination and unmatched attitude, they were unable to convert these into victories. Well done to all those children who took part and many thanks to all those parents/carers who were able to help with transport and support for the team.



### Eskdale Take Care Friendship Bench

As a mental-health aware school, we pride ourselves on ensuring that pupils have healthy minds as well as healthy bodies. Being able to talk to children in an age-appropriate way about mental health is important to us all. It was great therefore to be able to use funds raised from Children's Mental Health week to purchase a new 'buddy bench' for the school playground where pupils can sit and talk. Thank you so much to all those who were able to donate.



### Y5 Bikeability

Earlier this week, our Y5 pupils took part in Bikeability. Pupils began on the school yard, demonstrating how steady and controlled they could be on a bike before they venture onto the road later this half term for a more challenging opportunity. An excellent example of our core value skills and knowledge for life in action. Well done to all those Y5 pupils who took part and many thanks to Mr Holmes for arranging this enriching experience for the



### PTFA

Our PTFA (or PTA as it was formally known) have been running events for our pupils and school community since 2012. Its sustainability and success have always been due to the support of good-willed parents, carers and friends of Eskdale who have been able to provide a small amount of time in helping planning or supporting events for our children. You may recall that Michelle Daniels stepped down as Chair of the PTFA earlier this year, leaving Sue Smith (former parent/governor and friend of Eskdale) with the responsibility of keeping our PTFA going. At the time of writing, she is the only member of our PTFA. As you can imagine, this is a huge responsibility for just one person and we are now in a similar position as we were 4 or 5 years ago where the future of our PTFA (and therefore all the events that we have become familiar with in our school calendar) is in doubt. The message is simple: without the support of parents/carers, the PTFA may cease to exist. Our first priority is ANY support that parents/carers can provide for our Summer Fair on Friday 14th July-even if this means running a stall for just 30 mins! Please contact school at [office@eskdale.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@eskdale.notts.sch.uk) if you are able to help in any way to support the Summer Fair this half term.

Thank you so much in advance for your support.



### Reminders!

#### Sports Week-week beginning 19/6/23

Week beginning Monday 19th June we will be holding 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, sun-cream, hats and waterproofs (depending on the weather).

#### Sports Day 22/6/23

Our annual sports day will be within sports week (weather permitting!) Parents/carers are more than welcome to come and watch their children participate.

#### Armed Forces/Camo Day Friday 23rd June

Our annual support for the service community will be at the end of sports week with our very own Armed Forces/Camo Day. 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 Friday 23rd June. This donation will go to support armed forces charities.

#### PTFA Summer Fair 14/7/23

We are currently planning our annual summer fair. This takes a huge amount of planning and any support that parent/carers can provide in either planning or supporting the fair on the day is very much appreciated. If you are able to help, please contact school.

#### Sun safe

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



Please look out for dates on the school calendar that relate to specific year groups this term however please be aware of the following dates:

**Monday 12th June:** PTFA Coffee morning in the school bungalow

**Monday 19th June:** P.E week begins-please send your son or daughter in sport kit for the whole week.

**Thursday 22nd June:** Sports Day-Y5 & Y6 10am-11.50am, Y3 & Y4 1.30pm-3.15pm.

**Friday 23rd June:** Camo Day-£1 donation to support Armed Forces charities

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** Y3 Viking Day

**Friday 7th July:** Non-uniform day-donations for the summer fair (more detail to follow)

**Monday 10th-Thursday 13th July:** Sums and Stories Café

**Friday 14th July:** PTFA Summer Fair.

**Monday 17th July:** End of year reports to parents

**Tuesday 18th July:** Book swap-pupils can donate a book and choose one to keep from the donations

**Friday 21st July:** Sports Day reserve date

**Tuesday 25th July:** Final day of the term-school closes for summer

Yours sincerely,

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