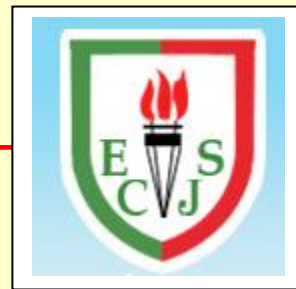


# ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



## Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

We come to the end of a rather strange half term, what with bank holidays, NEU strike days and of course the challenge of end of key stage SATs for our Y6 pupils. It will certainly be a memorable period for both staff and pupils for a whole host of different reasons. I hope all our families are able to have a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### King Charles III Coronation

Pupils and staff celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III in school earlier this term. To recognise this significant moment in our country's history, pupils took part in a number of activities. In assembly we found out more about Charles and shared with pupils what to expect from the Coronation weekend. On the Friday before the Coronation weekend, our meals provider Coombs delivered our own indoor street party, complete with bunting and a picnic-style lunch. Pupils were invited to dress in red, white and blue to mark the occasion and back in classrooms pupils busied themselves with Coronation themed activities. A great way to mark this notable occasion in our country's history. Many thanks to all those who were able to support our pupils and a special mention to Mrs Arnold and Mrs Clowes for the decorating of the school hall!



### Maths for Parents

Our focus on Maths this year continued earlier this term with Miss Tabram delivering two more sessions to share with parents how to support their children when tackling multiplication and division. We are very aware that methods in maths have changed overtime and it was great for Miss Tabram to support parents in understanding how we can achieve greater consistency between home and school. Many thanks to all those parents/carers who were able to attend the sessions.

### Uni-hock at the Pearson Centre

Not since before the pandemic have we been able to participate in a broader range of sporting competitions and festivals so it was great to get back on track with a Unihoc festival at the Pearson Centre in Beeston. Pupils from Y6 had the chance to refine and practice their skills before a 'round robin' of matches facing John Clifford, Roundhill and Trowell Primaries. I'm told the children were fantastic and played like true 'Eskdalers'. Many thanks to Mr Holmes for training with pupils in the last few weeks and for accompanying the children to the event.



### Alderman White Jazz Band

We welcomed Mr Wedgworth and the Alderman White Jazz Band to Eskdale earlier this half term. The band, made up of students from Alderman White played a wide range of tunes for pupils in assembly from those more recognisable such as Harry Styles to those more associated with traditional jazz music. In music sessions in the afternoon, pupils got to meet the students and discuss and have a go at playing the instruments ranging from bass guitar to saxophone. Some of our braver children even had a go at the role of conductor of the band, waving a baton to direct the volume and intensity of the music. A great afternoon had by all. Many thanks to Ms Howes for organising this enriching opportunity for our children.



### Uniform

I have noticed a small number of pupils wearing trainers in school instead of black school shoes. Trainers are only permitted on P.E days and are not part of everyday uniform. Please can you ensure your son or daughter is in the correct uniform at all times. Please contact school if you have any challenges with uniform.



### Football

We continued our football season this half term. In our fourth league match of the year, we welcomed Bramcote C of E to Eskdale. In a frantic and very physical encounter and despite missing a penalty, we were able to emerge victorious with a 2-1 win. In our second fixture, we had a visit from Bramcote Hills Primary. Despite being able to hold them in a 1-1 stalemate for the majority of the game, we eventually lost 3-1.



### Y4 Class Assembly

In a performance based on their History unit of work, pupils took us back to Ancient Rome with a performance of the tale Romulus and Remus. Many thanks to our Y4 team and all those parents and carers who were able to attend the performance, and a huge well done to all those children who took part.



### Year 3 Musical Performance

Y3 demonstrated a fantastic understanding of their recent learning in music sessions with Ms Howes. Pupils wowed parents with their musical knowledge, glockenspiel playing and fabulous singing-a folk medley as well as a rendition of our school anthem 'Aim if High'. A wonderful example of our excellent music curriculum and a great showcase of how our youngest children have progressed in the subject-even in such a short space of time! Many thanks to Ms Howes for all her hard work and many thanks also to all those parents/carers who were able to attend and support their children.



### PTFA Summer Fair

Our fantastic PTFA are currently in the process of planning this year's Eskdale's summer fair. This is huge undertaking however 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.

Can I urge parents to please contact our PTFA [EskdalePTA@outlook.com](mailto:EskdalePTA@outlook.com) if you can help in anyway.



### Collecting Pupils at the End of the School Day

It is great to have a wider range of after-school clubs on offer for pupils however can I remind parents to have clear plans in place to collect your son or daughter at the end of after-school clubs. Staff or outside providers running our after-school clubs will often have work or family commitments, therefore they are unable to wait much beyond the expected time of collection. We have recently had instances of children being collected late, (very late in some cases) and staff or club providers having to ring parents or wait for unreasonably long periods of time for children to be collected. Please note, that our STARS after school club is open until 6pm and children can use this service after school or after attending an in-school club (£10.50 per session). Please contact the office to check for availability or to book. To ensure pupil safety, we may send pupils at the end of after-school clubs into S.T.A.R.S and therefore have to charge parents for this service, if children are not collected on time or if permission isn't given for older children to walk home.

### Year 6 SATS

Our Y6 pupils were subject to the 'dreaded' SATs earlier this term (you may have caught some news stories of how difficult the reading test was!) The children were excellent, showing real resilience in what is a very challenging week for everyone in school. The wonderful support the children have had from our Y6 team in preparing this moment was a notable contributor to their readiness. Well done to all our children in Y6 and to all those adults who have supported the children at this challenging time.

### Reminders!

- The children are back in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.
- Have a happy, safe and relaxing half term break.

Yours sincerely,

R Scruton  
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