

ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



Spring Term 2nd Half Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new half term. I hope both you and your children have had a restful half term break and are ready for the busy run up to Summer at Eskdale Junior! This half term is full of opportunities for both pupils and parents.

Rowing at George Spencer

After our successful Tough Rower earlier this year, pupils took part in a rowing competition at George Spencer—a mix of individual challenges and team rowing. I'm told the children were fantastic and came a respectable 4th out of 8 teams. Many thanks to Mr Holmes for organising this opportunity for the children.

Children's Mental Health Week

Thank you for all the support in raising awareness of the importance of promoting a healthy mind through Children's Mental Health Week before half term. School raised an impressive £182 for the children's mental health charity Place2Be. Please come and check out our excellent 'Lets Connect' mental health week paper chain produced by the children and displayed in our entrance foyer.



PTFA

Many thanks to our fabulous PTFA who hosted two great film nights at the start of this half term. Pupils were treated to drinks, sweets and crisps as they enjoyed a feature film on two separate nights for pupils in Y3&4 and Y5&6. Many thanks to Chair Michelle Daniels for organising the event and to all those parents and friends of Eskdale who were able to help on each night.



Parents Evening

Parents evening date/s this half term are:

- Tuesday 28th March
- Wednesday 29th March

Further information and booking will be communicated closer to the time.



NEU Strike Day

Further to my email sent to parents/carers earlier this week please note that school will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 1st March as result of the NEU strike action. Please be aware that there are two further strike days planned for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. As a result we have taken the decision to move our Mother's Day lunches for year 5 & 6 so that these will not be impacted. I will endeavour to keep parents//carers informed as soon as is possible if this is the case.

Inset Day

Please note that we have an Inset day planned for Monday 27th February. This is the same day as Alderman Pounder Infants. Pupils are not in school on this day and will return to school on Tuesday 28th February.

PTFA Announcement

It is with sadness that due to a change in circumstances, Michelle Daniels, will step down from her duties as Chair and from our PTFA at the end of this term. Over the years Michelle has been instrumental in ensuring that our PTFA has continued to thrive, organising numerous events for our school community including our Halloween discos, Easter egg hunts, Bingo nights, Film nights, Quizzes and of course our Summer Fair! In addition to this, she has supported our access to the mobile library and end of SATs treat for our Y6 pupils. Michelle has made a huge difference to Eskdale and its pupils and will be missed by everyone at school-she will remain someone who is remembered for a long time in our school's history. All at Eskdale wish her all the best and thank her wholeheartedly for everything she has been able to do for school.



Reminders!

Make Time to Read Month: March 1st-31st

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March and we have a number of activities planned for week beginning 1st March as a reminder to our children of the importance of reading. Notably is the Book Fair which will be in school from March 3rd-17th. More information on our plans for a week-long celebration of reading and books will be sent out separately.

Comic Relief 2023

Comic Relief is on Friday 17th March this year and a great opportunity to able to support this important charity. More details will follow on how we plan to mark the occasion this year.

PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Our PTFA have an Easter egg hunt planned for Monday 20th March, further details will follow on how your children can get involved.

Easter Egg competition

Every year we hold our annual Easter egg competition challenging pupils to decorate an Easter egg in the most creative or unusual way possible. In the past we have had a number of incredible entries and we would love it if as many children as possible across school got involved this year. I will share with the children some previous creations in assembly to inspire them this half term and all entries will be judged in the final week before the Easter break.

Non-uniform day 31/3/23

We will be holding a non-uniform day on the last day of this term and are requesting that pupils make a £1 donation on this day.

Updated dates from the school diary

Football v Albany Junior (away fixture) Friday 17th March
Mother's Day lunch Y5 Wednesday 15th March moved to Monday 20th March
Mother's Day lunch Y6 Thursday 16th March moved to Tuesday 21st March
Football v John Clifford (home fixture) Thursday 16th March TBC
Comic Relief Friday 17th NOT Sport Relief as previously stated
Football v Trowell Primary (away fixture) Tuesday 21st March
Y6 Theatre visit Thursday 23rd March
PTFA Bingo Evening Thursday 23rd March- CANCELLED

Yours sincerely,
R Scruton
Head Teacher