

ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Dear Parent/Carer,

A Happy New Year to all parents and carers from everyone at Eskdale! I hope both you and your children were able to have a relaxing Christmas break and are looking forward to a new year with optimism! It has been great to have the children back in school and looking ahead we have another busy term. Please see the school diary that accompanies this newsletter with key dates for the term ahead.

Staffing

Eskdale said a temporary goodbye to Miss Cameron at the end of last term. Miss Cameron is expecting her first child and begins her maternity leave. All at Eskdale wish her all the best and we look forward to hear news of the new arrival due in February.

In addition to this, we welcome two new members of staff to our teaching assistant team. Mrs Ebrill joins the year 3 team and Miss Bryan joins year 5.



Maths Week

Apologies to Miss Tabram as there was a missed section to the last newsletter when describing the events of Maths Week last term (an investigation is in progress!!) To kick off Maths Week, Subject Revolution brought their Maths-themed escape room to Eskdale for pupils, setting a number of challenges that were rooted in mathematical thinking with a World War 2 theme. An excellent way of enriching our children's experience of maths. Look out for more maths parent's meetings this term with Miss Tabram as part of our focus on maths at Eskdale this year.

Attendance

Parents/carers may recall from my previous newsletter that we were successful in maintaining high levels of attendance last term. In addition to this, we had 80 (!) pupils with 100% attendance for the autumn term who all received a certificate-incredible!

We want to be able to sustain this excellent achievement and especially at this time of year where there are a lot of illnesses flying around. We ask that parents/carers continue to support school by only keeping their son or daughter off school when they are absolutely too poorly to attend or have a high temperature/fever.

Please be assured that if any minor illness complaints from pupils become more notable while they are in school we will always phone parents/carers at the earliest opportunity. We often find in the majority of cases that minor illness complaints do disappear once the children are in school!

Contact Details

Please ensure that the school office is updated with any new contact details, especially mobile phone numbers and email addresses as these are essential in making contact in case of emergencies.

Uniform

Please ensure your son or daughter is sent in the correct uniform to ensure we are maintaining our usual high standard across school. Can I remind parents that trainers and jewellery that are not stud earrings, are not part of school uniform.

Behaviour

Parents/carers may recall me writing to you last term outlining our plans for refreshing our approach to the management of pupil behaviour in school. Last term, we focused on a trial approach through our Take Care Rules. We believe that this has been successful and therefore these will remain in place as a reminder to the children (and parents/carers) of what is expected with regard to behaviour at Eskdale.

While this trial has been running, we have been working on developing a new system for rewarding pupils who consistently meet the school's expectations of behaviour. This is part of a layered approach to rewarding pupils at Eskdale which we will be looking to build upon over the year. Details of this are in the ParentMail sent earlier this week.

Other Attendance and Punctuality Reminders

A reminder to parents to communicate any pupil absence to the office as soon as possible. The phone at school is typically answered from as early as 7:15am. Notification of absence can be shared via ParentMail (please state a reason rather just 'poorly'), or school can be contacted either through mail@eskdale.notts.sch.uk or office@eskdale.notts.sch.uk Consistent attendance is key to children making good progress, both academically and personally and increased absence from school without good reason can lead to a penalty notice.

Please remember that the gate on Ghost House Lane opens at 8:45am and closes at 8:55am. Pupils who arrive after this time must report to the school office accompanied by an adult as the school car park can get busy at this time of day with both cars and deliveries.

Take Care Rules Indoor	
Use your manners and be polite to children and all adults Move around school sensibly	
Actively listen	Consequence
Respect others and their feelings	1. STOP-a verbal warning You will be reminded of the take care rules.
Focus on your task-aim high	2. Second warning You will be moved to orange and expected to apologise.
Take care of your work, equipment and the environment	3. Third and final warning You will move to red and miss your break/lunchtime in the hall. You will be spoken to by Mr Scruton or Mrs Dorn to explain your actions.

Take Care Rules Outdoor	
Use your manners and be polite to children and all adults Move around school sensibly	
Play kindly and safely-no rough play	Consequence
Don't walk or run around the Unit building	1. STOP-a verbal warning You will be reminded of the take care rules. You will need to play on the side of school where you were spoken to and in view of an adult.
Line up in an timely manner, sensibly and quietly	2. Second warning You will be told to stand by an adult for the remainder of break or lunchtime and expected to apologise.
Always ask permission to be indoors at break or lunch	You will be spoken to by Mr Scruton or Mrs Dorn to explain your actions.
Take care of equipment and our school environment	



Attendance and Punctuality

Reminders!

Dinners – Please be reminded that dinner money should be paid in advance via ParentMail. The cost of school dinners is £2.50 per day.

Packed Lunches – Please be reminded that packed lunches and break time snacks should be healthy and nutritious. Children should not have fizzy drinks, chocolate bars, sweets or **nuts** (to protect children with allergies).

Please see attached diary for the Spring Term.

Here's looking forward to a great Eskdale 2023!

Yours sincerely,

R Scruton
Head Teacher