

ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



Autumn 2nd Term 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 Christmas at Eskdale Junior! This half term is full of opportunities for both pupils and parents and a refreshed diary accompanies this newsletter with some new additions and changes to some dates.

Sad News

Always sad to begin a newsletter with some sad news but after 5 years working in our school kitchen, Ms Trout brings her time at Eskdale to a close. Over the years, she has provided invaluable support to the smooth running of our school kitchen and of recent times had a notable role in supporting Mrs Wharmby as we transitioned to our new school's meal provider Coombes. All at Eskdale wish her all the best for the future!



PTFA

Many thanks once again to our wonderful PTFA for organising the two Halloween disco nights for pupils across school at the end of last half term. They were a real success and the support of those parents/carers, who were able to help out was invaluable to that success.

Our PTFA are busy organising two Christmas themed events for both pupils and parents to enjoy later this term. Further information about these events will be shared with parents in due course.

Please note, despite some fantastic support from parents, we are still short on PTFA members. If you are interested in joining the PTFA please contact Michelle Daniels at EskdalePTA@outlook.com or join one of our coffee mornings planned this half term.

Y6 Musical Performance

It was great to see Y6 exemplify all their learning in music last half term earlier this week. Pupils performed to an audience of parents and carers demonstrating their musical knowledge (including plenty of music history about The Beatles and how it linked to Black History month), skills on a glockenspiel and excellent singing as they concluded their performance with a rendition of Blackbird by The Beatles. Well done to all those Y6 pupils who took part, many thanks to all those parents/carers who were able to attend and last but no means least, a huge thank you to Ms Howes for all her excellent work with the children!



Parents Evening

Many thanks to all those parents/carers who were able to attend parents evening this week. It was lovely to hear some of the success stories so early in the year. Many thanks also to all those staff members involved who worked tirelessly over the two nights.



New Railings

Over half term, we have had new, brightly coloured railings installed around school to replace the older, wooden fence that I'm sure has been there since I began as head teacher at Eskdale (if not before!) Lovely to be able to bring a bit of colour to our school



Flu Immunisation

Further to our email sent via ParentMail, Nottinghamshire NHS Immunisation team will be completing the Flu Immunisation on Wednesday 16th. For those who haven't already done so, please register consent via the online portal (you also need to register if you do not want your child to receive the Immunisation). Immunisation is given in the form of a nasal spray. Our school code is NG122545 www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Behaviour

As part of our school improvement work this year we will be focusing on behaviour. We know that the vast majority of pupils behave well and are very much in-tune with our expectations. Parents/carers also believe this to be the case (95% parents/carers agree/strongly agree that school ensures its pupils are well behaved- 2022 questionnaire.)

Our main focus, will be looking at ways at in which we can reward pupils for high standards of behavior; however, to get to this stage we are beginning by refreshing our expectations. Parents will have received a ParentMail today detailing the new behaviour expectations that we will be trialing this half term currently titled our 'Take Care Rules'. These have been shared with pupils this week in assembly and we will begin this trial beginning 7/11/22 until Christmas. Please take some time to discuss these with your son or daughter.

Reminders!

Uniform

A reminder that pupils must be in the correct uniform at all times-details can be found on the school website. Trainers are not school uniform-please ensure your son or daughter is in shoes unless it is a P.E day. I will be focusing on pupils wearing jewellery and nail varnish this half term. Please note, our school uniform standard states that stud earrings are acceptable, however other jewellery and nail varnish must not be worn in school. Thank you in advance for your support.

Attendance

Our attendance was incredible last half term and we want to be able to maintain this standard. Your support in achieving this is invaluable to us. Thank you in advance for your support.

School Gate

Much as I recognise that the arrangements for the end of the school day are not perfect, they can be improved if parents/carers stand back from the school gate and are not tempted to step forward once the gate is opened. Thank you in advance for your support.

Bikes and Scooters

Thank you all once again for all your support in making Cycle to School week such a success before half term. Currently we are allowing all year groups to bring cycles or scooter every day. Please remember, if your son or daughter is new to bringing a bike or scooter they will need a home school bike scooter contract from the school office so they can receive a plastic tag for the bike or scooter. Hopefully we will be able to get our new bike racks installed soon and extend the room for pupils to fit their bikes or scooters in!

Please note, pupils who bring a bike or scooter to school must wear a helmet. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Please see the dates for events that are coming up this term that accompanies this newsletter with details of any year group-specific activities.

Yours sincerely,

R Scruton
Head Teacher