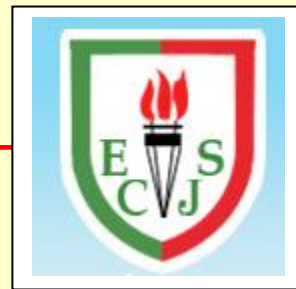


ESKDALE NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new term and a new school year! A particular warm welcome to all our new parents who have children starting with us this term. It has been fantastic to see the children return with such happy faces and enthusiasm for learning!

A Sad Goodbye

It seems a shame to begin with some sad news however Ms Bilbie leaves Eskdale this half term. Ms Bilbie has been a part of Eskdale since her children attended many years ago. She has been part of our PTA, midday supervisor and more recently trained to be a teaching assistant with us. All at Eskdale will miss her we wish her all the best for the future!

New Meal Provider

Parents/carers may recall that we have now moved to our new school meals provider Coombs. We are very excited by this new venture and are certain that Coombes will provide not just an improved meal service for our pupils but also more choice and a range of different experiences. During the summer holiday the kitchen has been a hive of activity as we have now had a number of new appliances fitted to help meet the demands of our new service. We look forward to seeing what a difference both our new kitchen and Coombes will make to our school meals!



TT Rockstars

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun way of improving children understanding and recall of time table questions. It is important that pupils use TT Rock Stars to improve and strengthen their knowledge of multiplication as this is the basis for much of the children's mathematical learning. Thank you in advance for supporting your children.



Marvellous Me

A reminder to all parents, especially new parents to download the free MarvellousMe app from either the iPhone app store or from Google play for Android phone users to a smart phone or tablet. School will provide a unique code so that parents can begin to receive school updates, news and pupil successes throughout the year. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties with this.



Uniform

Parents/Carers may be aware that new guidelines from the government have highlighted the need for the cost of uniform not to be excessive and that school branded items be kept to a minimum. At Eskdale, our minimum expectation is that our House t-shirt, school jumper and book bag have the school logo.

The start of a new school year is a great opportunity to get the simple things such as uniform right and I will be writing to parents separately with further details. The school website details the correct uniform expected and would encourage parents to check this or ring school if they are in any doubt. Can I remind parents not to send their children to school in trainers as they are not school uniform (P.E days are the only exception).

In addition to this, I ask that pupils do not attend school wearing nail varnish, rings or earrings that are not studs.

School jumpers or cardigans are an important part of being identifiable as an Eskdale Junior School pupil. Please ensure your son or daughter has a jumper/cardigan with the school logo and that this is red and no other colour, eg: black or grey. If parents/carers experience any challenges with uniform, they must not hesitate to contact school. Thank you in advance for your support.



Attendance and Punctuality

A reminder to all parent's/carers that it is a legal responsibility to ensure that their child attends school every day. It is essential for continuity in learning and for forming friendships and social skills. It is important that children attend unless they absolutely cannot. Please be aware that poor attendance can result in parents being referred to the Local Authority for a penalty notice to be issued. All leave of absence requests (formally holiday requests) are treated on an individual basis and any request greater than 3 or more days could also incur a referral for a fine from the Local Authority. I will write to parents separately with further guidelines on both attendance and punctuality. Thank you in advance for your support.



House Colours/ PE Kit

A reminder to ensure that you have purchased a House t-shirt for your son or daughter-this should be worn for P.E as well as for any sport clubs in school. Please be reminded that the PE kit is the school uniform for PE days. Children should not come to school in their own clothes or alternative sports wear such as coloured tracksuits, joggers or shorts and cropped tops (PE bottom should be black).

Contact Details

Please remember to update the school office with new home/mobile phone numbers and email addresses if they have changed over the summer holiday. These are essential pieces of information for school to have and are important in case of emergency. Please can parents return these to the school office asap if they haven't already done so. Thank you.



Events & Activities in School

After the success of our very busy summer term last year and being able to run all our events and activities in school without the disruption of Covid-19, we are really pleased to get back to a calendar this term that looks busy and full of opportunity. Please see details on the termly diary that accompanies this newsletter.



Eskdale PTFA

After the success of the summer fair last year (despite having to overcome some challenging circumstances!) our PTFA will be looking to run a number of events once again this year. Our PTFA still really need the support of current (or new!) parents. If you are able to help please contact the school office.



No Nuts in School!

A reminder to parents that there are pupils in school with severe nut allergies. This means that they cannot be in contact with nuts both physical, airborne or any food that contains nuts or traces of nuts, this includes Nutella & chocolate bars that may contain or have traces of nuts. Please can parents ensure they do not send their children with nut-based foods to minimise the risk to those pupils who have nut allergies. Thank you.

School Tuck

School will be continuing school tuck at morning breaks this term where children can purchase a healthy snack for 20p. Please can I remind parents to not send your son or daughter to school with crisps or chocolate bars as a snack for break-time and to send healthy snacks. Thank you in advance for co-operation.



Reminders!

Diary dates for this term are attached to this newsletter. Please look out for opportunities that we will be offering both pupils and parents this term.

Look out for our 'Themed Lunches' this term why not get your child to try our fabulous new school dinners on one of these special menu days.

Please can I remind parents not to park or wait in the restricted zones around school (zigzag markings) and to be considerate of our neighbors during pick up and drop of times. We are currently working with NCC CCTV enforcement vehicle to make school a safer environment for pedestrians and motorists.

Friday 14th October is the last day of the half term and pupils will return for the start of the second half of the autumn term on Tuesday 1st November 2021 as Monday 31st October is an Inset day.

Yours sincerely,

R Scruton

Head Teacher