

# ESCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter — 14th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year! It is lovely to see the children looking so smart and tidy in their uniforms—Thank You parents!

We would like to say a special welcome to our new children in Reception Class and new starters: Isobel C, Chloe C, Lucas D, Tom D, Matthew D, Archie D, Emma D, Zac D, Olivia E, Thomas E, Boaz F, Daisy G, Beth H, Thomas H, Katie H, Lucas K, Millie L, Lois L, Luke Mc, Elijah O, Luke P, Olivia R, Sophie R, Evie S, Erin S, Dylan T, Ellis W, Millie W and Isla W and also Amelia A (Y4)

What's been happening. . .

## **Box2bFit**

- All children from Year 1-6 enjoyed Box2bfit sessions this week which was delivered by David from Skip2bfit. They took part in circuit training which included a range of activities to improve their stamina and fitness. Children were encouraged to develop their determination and resilience—setting themselves goals and achieving their personal best. Everyone certainly tried their hardest and had a full workout!

## **We have attached the following information for you:**

- **Yearly Planner:** We have put the key dates on the planner for this year. Please add further dates to it as we send out information over the course of the year. I know from questionnaires that parents would like more notice of events - and I know that this can sometimes be frustrating! We will try our very best to do this but sometimes please understand it is very difficult for us as we don't get confirmation of events until near the time or sometimes we are given an 'opportunity' at the last minute and don't want to miss out as it is of benefit to our children! Please note that we have included dates for Class Assemblies for the Autumn term. In the Summer term we will be inviting you to our 'Strawberries and Cream Open Afternoon' which we will hopefully hold on the amphitheatre and each class will 'perform'.
- **Curriculum Plans:** (These will be available on the school website soon. If you would like a copy printed, please call into the school office. *We are trying to cut down on the amount of paper we use!*) This guide gives you an overview of what your child will be encountering in their learning across this whole academic year. This will enable you to support and work with your child at home. Information relating to all areas of the curriculum is also on the school website along with information and guidance on our approaches to Reading and Mathematics. Year group expectations for Maths and English are also posted on the website.
- **Homework Expectations:** (available on the school website—copy available in school office too!) We have revised our policy following some of the feedback from the parent questionnaires at the end of last year. This outlines the practice within school and ensures a consistency of approach across the school. Please note that there is information about the Year 2—Year 6 Spelling programme included in this guidance.

## **Other Information**

- **School Bags:** We really struggle for space in our porch areas in school and have difficulty storing large rucksacks and bags that a lot of children, particularly in key stage 2, are bringing. Where possible, please can children use school book bags for reading books and homework etc as these are so much easier for us to store. One keyring is also sufficient to attach to the school bag as again this makes storage difficult. The drawstring PE bags are the most suitable for P.E. and swimming kit or alternatively a carrier bag is great! We really appreciate your help with this.
- **PE Kit:** We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of our PE kit. Children are asked to wear a t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls for their lessons. For outdoor activities, children are advised to have a warm top to put on and trainers. Tracksuit bottoms can also be worn for outdoor P.E. To ensure their safety and comfort, children are not permitted to wear strappy or vest tops or cropped tops. They should not have bare shoulders or stomachs. If children do not have appropriate kit, they will not be able to participate in PE.
- **Water Bottles:** Children should only have plain water in their water bottles. Flavoured water and diluted juice are not allowed. This is to promote a healthy lifestyle.

We are looking forward to working together with you and your children this year to continue to make Escomb School the best place to be!

Thank you for your continued support.

Wendy Gill & Staff



# Congratulations



## Star of the Week Award

7th September 2018

### Class Nominations

Reception	Whole Class
Class 1	Whole Class
Class 2	Whole Class
Class 3	Whole Class
Class 4	Whole Class
Class 5	Whole Class
Class 6	Whole Class

### Superstar of the Week!

**\* Whole School \***

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14th September 2018

### Class Nominations

Reception	No nomination
Class 1	Seb G
Class 2	Nancy T
Class 3	Jake O
Class 4	Katie P
Class 5	Ethan O'N
Class 6	Sophie A

### Superstar of the Week!

**\* Sophie Amos \***

## Presentation Award

14th September 2018

### Class Nominations

Class 1	Jaycee B	Louis W
Class 2	Jessica C	Matty R
Class 3	Elise G	Leon J
Class 4	Charlotte D	Layton M
Class 5	April G	Lucy O
Class 6	Leah R	Jack R



**Applying for a primary school place for September 2018!**

Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2019 and 31st August 2020? If so you need to complete an application to apply for a school place by 15th January 2019. Please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) where you can access a useful guide to help with your application.

### **The Wear Valley Riding Centre for Special People**

**Three Lane Ends Farm, Escomb**

**10th Anniversary Open Day Event**

**Sunday 16th September 2018**

**12 - 4 pm**

**FREE event with MANY FREE activities**

**Refreshments and a fun DOG SHOW.**

