

Tickhill Estfeld Primary School



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Dear Parents

As we approach half term the weather is taking a decidedly cooler turn and the nights are drawing in. It was good to see everybody at Open Evening. Our class teachers value the opportunity to meet with parents and carers and we hope that you enjoyed looking at your child's work so far this term.

Thank you for those people who kindly donated cakes to our British Heart Foundation fundraising event, we had a very good response and those who attended Open Evening were very impressed at the variety and quality of cakes on offer – exceedingly good cakes.

Thank you also to those who made a purchase on the night and to children in school – we raised £117.50 for BHF. Thank you also to our wonderful Teaching Assistants in school who all helped to make the evening run smoothly, Mrs Booker, Mrs Collier, Mrs Dale, Mrs Ellison, Mrs Gratton, Miss Mee, Mrs Toy, Mrs Welborn and Mrs White.

Thank you also to Dave Sutton, CEO of Maltby Academy Trust on Open Evening. He and some of our former pupils who now attend the schools spoke to parents and pupils about both Maltby Academy and Sir Thomas Wharton Schools. We hope that this was informative and the Trust is happy to be contacted directly if you didn't have the opportunity to speak to them on the evening.

Dark Nights and After-School Clubs

When we return to school after the break it will be dark by the time our after-school clubs finish. Please be aware that all pupils must be collected by an adult, even those pupils in Key Stage 2 who walk home from school independently.

Road Safety is also a concern as the evenings get darker. We do teach our pupils throughout their time at school to take great care when travelling to and from school and when they are out alone in the evenings and weekends. We would also ask parents and carers to park outside school in a sensible manner; please do not park on the double yellow lines or in the school bus bay. These areas should be a safe place to cross, so that pupils do not have to cross between parked vehicles.

Contacting School

Please do contact school if you have a concern or query – sooner is usually better. If you need to speak to somebody in person it is best to make an appointment, especially if it is something more important than a general query that will need a proper discussion. We will always speak to you as soon as possible, but often the beginning and end of the school day are not always the best times due to teaching and supervision commitments.

We can also be contacted by phone or email. Again, it is not always possible to come to the phone immediately but we will make every effort to return your call as soon as possible.



School can be also emailed using the admin@estfeld address on the letter header above. Staff do have individual email addresses; however for safeguarding and monitoring reasons please do not contact staff directly. All emails that come into the office are forwarded to the relevant member of staff and are checked each morning and several times during the school day.

Asda's Green Token Scheme (please help our school to raise funds as you do the weekly shop).

You may know about Asda's "Transforming Communities, Improving Lives" scheme. Shoppers at Asda are given a green token as they pass through the checkout, which can be posted into one of three collection boxes in the foyer as shoppers leave. Each box represents an organisation in the community that has applied to Asda for help with fundraising. At the moment our school is one of the chosen organisations and we will receive between £200 and £500 towards the cost of improving the KS2 playground depending on how many tokens are posted into our collection box at the Doncaster Lakeside store. Please make sure that you post your token and ask family and friends who shop there regularly to do the same.

Money in School

Please ensure that all money is sent to school in either a sealed named envelope or a named purse. We have recently had an increase in the amount of loose money being brought to school. Class teachers will not accept money unless it is in an envelope or purse. Where possible please pay by cheque.

Pupil Safety / Tickhill Lions Firework Poster Competition

As we approach Halloween and Bonfire Night we will as usual be working with our pupils to make them aware of how to enjoy these celebrations as safely as possible. We will again be inviting pupils to take part in the annual Firework Poster Competition, book token prizes are kindly donated by Tickhill Lions and a selection of the entries will be displayed at their Firework Night Celebration on Saturday 4th November 2017 at Tickhill Cricket Club and on the lions Facebook page (with parent's or carer's permission).

Competition Rules

- All entries must be on A4 paper.
- All entries must have a firework or bonfire safety message
- There will be two prizes for Reception and KS1 and two prizes for KS2.
- Good luck to all entrants.
- All entries to be received in school by Monday 23rd October 2017.

Yours sincerely

Miss Diane Risley

