

Tickhill Estfeld Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the half term holiday we have been teaching the children about several aspects of safety associated with the earlier dark nights and safety at Halloween and Bonfire Night. We do hope that everybody has lots of fun and enjoys the celebrations and excitement that the darker nights make possible. Happy Holidays!

Thank you to the Tickhill Lions for once again holding their firework safety poster competition. We received many worthy entries, with important safety messages, which made it very difficult indeed to choose our winners, but choose we must. All of the posters will be winging their way to the Lions and will be displayed at their Bonfire. Winners will be announced on Monday 5th November 2018, our first day back at school.

Many of you have sent kind messages and cards to school for Mr Perkins, which we delivered to him today. He has asked us to thank you for your kindness and hopes to be back at school as soon as he is able, although it will be quite some time.

Fundraising

MACMILLAN: Thank you also to those donated to Macmillan at Open Evening – we raised £145.70 on refreshment sales and £26 in the teddy bear raffle. Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work at Open Evening.

FOOD BANK: Thank you to everybody who donated items to the Doncaster Food Bank this morning. Together we have made a big difference. We are very grateful to the Friends of Estfeld who collected our donations and delivered them to the Food Bank. We received the following message from them by email today:

Hello

Thank you so much for the donation of food from your Harvest Festival.

And WOW!! What a collection it was.

It weighed 238.1 KG, enough to provide 566 meals for people in crisis in the Doncaster area.

Please pass on our thanks to the children & parents/carers for their kind and generous donations.

Best wishes

Chris Sanders

FRIENDS OF ESTFELD: Everybody enjoyed last night's Halloween Disco. There was a lovely atmosphere in school and everybody had a good time. The costumes were superb – everybody had gone to a great deal of effort to dress for the occasion. Thank you to the Friends of Estfeld and to Mr Jackson our DJ and to the many helpers who were there on the night.

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 opposite the school bus bay. The pupils are taught that the area opposite the bus bay is a safe place to cross as there should not be any vehicles parked on either side of the road, so that pupils do not have to cross between parked vehicles.



Contacting School

Please do contact school if you have concern or a 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 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.

Safeguarding

Entry to the school building

Parents and carers must not gain entry through the pupils' cloakrooms at the beginning or end of the school day. Anybody wanting to speak to a class teacher must do so by means of the main school entrance and must sign in if going beyond the reception area. It is essential that there is a record of anybody who enters the school building.

Collection of pupils at the end of the school day

Pupils in Reception and KS1 must be collected by an adult at the end of the school day. This means a person aged 18+. Staff will not release our younger pupils to a person collects who they believe to be younger than this.

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.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher