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### 'Believe & Achieve' Attendance & Punctuality!!!

#### **NO NOTICE VISIT FROM SCHOOL STAFF and ATTENDANCE WELFARE OFFICERS**

**Last term we made 15 'no notice home visits'**

**ATTENDANCE:** We want every child to achieve at least 95% or higher attendance in order for them to make the best progress possible. Every single day missed at school or arriving late to school equals a gap in your child's learning. It is very hard for children to catch up when they have missed out on vital parts of their education. By increasing attendance by just 1%, schools can improve attainment by over 5%.

Please help us and your child by ensuring their attendance remains above 95% allowing them to achieve their full potential. **We have a number of children who attend school regularly, but arrive late each day.** Being late every day can add up to a lot of lost learning time.

Children should be in school by 08:55—the entrance doors open at 08:45 which allows for our Teachers and Support Staff to make an early start. Our Teachers and Support Staff have accommodated this prompt start and in return we feel it is unfair that some families still consider it acceptable to continue to bring their children in late. The end result is that we will not tolerate or avoid addressing this in order to raise standards.

**5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.**

**15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.**

**Action we will take - non-negotiable:**

If, after trying to work with you, your child's attendance and punctuality does not improve, then we will take the following actions:-

- We will arrange for a meeting either at your home address or in school, to draw up a plan to support rapid improvement.
- If you fail to keep to an appointment in School, then we will arrange to have this at your home address and arrange for an Educational Welfare Officer to also attend with us.
- We will ask you to give us reasons why your child is not in school (excuses will not be accepted) and also ask to see evidence to substantiate their absence through medical letters, prescriptions, etc.
- If they have a medical condition we will look into this via the School Nurse Team and Health Workers and involve them in the process.

Please do not hesitate to come into school if you need any support at all with improving your

child's attendance. We are always happy to talk to you and would much rather sort out little problems before they become bigger ones and arrange for further action, if appropriate, to support an improvement.

## ATTENDANCE!!!

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*The school attendance for last week was 94.6%; this is below the national average of 96.1%.*

Well done to Year 5 & 6 for being above national!

### Class Attendance

EY + KS1	KS2
Rec: 93.3%	Y3: 90.4%
Y1: 93.8%	Y4: 94.8%
Y2: 95.4%	Y5: 96.9%
	Y6: 97.1%

## PE kit

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Please ensure your child brings in their PE kit on a Monday to be returned home on a Friday.

## Eskdale Academy School Council

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Our New School Council Members are as follows:-

Year 1: Darlie Winspear and Kalem Salmons

Year 2: Leo Edmonson and Cara Wray

Year 3: Steven Hendry and Rose Gray

Year 4: Ellis Newbury and Rubi Gray

Year 5: Darci Abbey and Reece Hall

Year 6: Ewan Jones and Lucy Turner

## School Uniform.

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Please note: School uniform is a blue jumper or cardigan with black trousers or skirt! Black shoes NOT TRAINERS!!! Please see attached photo of our very smart year 6s!!

## Golden Book

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Well done to Rebecca Hadfield for being the first child to be entered into my Special 'Golden Book' this academic year for outstanding maths work.

## After School Clubs with Mr Tregear (spaces still available on a Thursday).

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There are still places available on a Thursday which is Multi -skills. If any pupils from Key Stage 2 would like to join please contact Mrs Ward for further information.

## Homework in the Library

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The Eskdale Academy Library will be open for children to complete their homework in a quiet environment each Morning from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., making use of the libraries resources for any research they may need to do. Children can enter the library directly from the library doors adjacent to the playground.

## Book Fair

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The *Scholastic Book Fair* was a great success and we have raised £350.00 😊



## Chess Club

Our Chess club is now successfully running for Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 children. The sessions are being run on a Thursday morning for a small group of children. This class will help to develop their forward thinking, planning, reasoning and communication skills all of which are important in all other areas of the curriculum. They are becoming confident players !!!

## New Curriculum

### Curriculum Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents who completed the recent questionnaire and shared their thoughts on the current curriculum at Eskdale Academy. The results will help towards making changes to what is taught in the school curriculum and to further engage and inspire the pupils at our school.

## Mr. Tregear's Sports Award

EYFS - **Ethan Hall**

KS1 - **Lucas Gillies**

KS2 - **Curtis Morfoot**

## Mr. Bennison's Behaviour Award

KS1 - Year 1 – 96.6%

**KS2 - Year 3 – 100% FANTASTIC!!!!!!!**

## Stars of the week

2 Year Olds (am) - **Sophia Gillies - for settling in well**

2 Year Olds (pm) - **Shaun Mann - for settling in well**

Nursery (am) - **Oliver McKenna - for a lovely discussion about his family**

Nursery (pm) - **Ollie Moorhead - for being confident in class and joining in**

Reception - **Leigh Adams - for super shape work in maths**

Year 1 - **Ella McManus - for trying hard in all areas**

Speech & Language - **Shane Davison - for effective use of adjectives.**

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Year 2 - **Elyssa Allen - for being an 'always' child**

Year 3 - **Amy Emery - for perseverance and attitude to learning**

Year 4 - **Isabella Boagey - for consistent hard work and perseverance**

Year 5 - **Maddison Jones - for wonderful presentation in Maths**

Year 6 - **Valeriy Makarov - for being a new pupil and settling in really well**

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