



A NOTE FROM MISS DINES

January can be a cold, dark, gloomy month but not for us at Eyrescroft! We have had a wonderful start to 2020. I have visited lots of classrooms over the last two weeks and seen so many children working incredibly hard and making fantastic progress. January has also been full of smiles as we have celebrated how proud we are of the children in school. Since September the children have collectively read 11,051,369 words!! That's definitely something to be impressed by. I hope you have all had a good start to the year and we look forward to welcoming you into school next week for Number Day.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

We enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year! We played with a chinese dragon mask; got crafty with lots of red paint and so much more.



EYFS AND YEAR 1 MULTI SPORTS FESTIVALS

EYFS and Year 1 classes enjoyed their individual multi sports festival afternoons at Jack Hunt organised by Mr Kay. They took part in a carousel of sporting activities.

EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

We would like to inform you that we have successfully recruited Mrs Sue Lane to the substantive position of Executive Principal to begin after Easter.

Mrs Lane is currently an Executive Principal of two primary schools in Northamptonshire. Mrs Lane will support both Eyrescroft and Highlees schools and she is very much looking forward to meeting the staff, children and parents/carers.

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

We welcomed four new midday supervisors this month - Miss Saunders, Mrs Hopewell, Mrs McKinnon and Mrs Kaleyn-Watson.



TIMES TABLES TEST

In June, Year 4 pupils will take part in an online times table test. Children are asked 25 questions, they have 6 seconds to answer each one before the next question pops up. There is a focus on the 6, 7, and 8 times tables, although all times tables are included. Children need to know their times tables fluently and be able to type in the answer accurately. Please can parents/carers practise times tables facts with their children at home.

NUMBER DAY

On **Friday, 7th February** we are taking part in World Number Day, in association with the NSPCC. Parents and carers are welcome to come and take part from 9:15 – 10:15am. The session will include a range of mathematical activities that the children will solve alongside their friends and parents.



Part of Number Day is also to raise money for the NSPCC. This year there will be a puzzle competition. Successful entries will be collected and put into a raffle to win a prize. There will be a KS1 and a KS2 prize. £1 to enter. Puzzle entry sheets will be handed out on the day and the deadline for entries is **Thursday, 13th February**, with the raffle being drawn in assembly.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th Feb - PTA EYFS/KS1 and KS2 Bingo
7th Feb - Number Day
10th - 14th Feb - Safeguarding Week
17th - 21st Feb - Half Term
25th/26th Feb - Parents' evening
5th Mar - World Book Day
23rd, 24th, 25th Mar - Mothers' Day lunches
26th Mar - PTA Disco
30th Mar - PTA Bake Off

