



**Embsay  
School**

# Embsay Echo

**Spring Term 2024**

**Friday 8th March**

## LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been another busy week, both in and out of school with lots of fantastic learning happening. Please do take the time to read about upcoming events in school. Mrs Croft-Mann, one of our new administrators will be starting on Monday and we wish her all the best for a smooth induction into the office at Embsay.

Have a lovely weekend ahead!

Mr T. Whitehead

Interim Executive Headteacher



### Parent / Carer Consultations

**Monday 18th & Wednesday 20th March for YR,1,2,4,5,6 and Tuesday 19th March for Y3**

This half term we will be holding parent and carer consultations in school. Details of how to book a time slot will be sent out next week. Please be aware it is difficult for teachers to accommodate slots outside of these times due to their teaching and training commitments before and after school. If you are unable to attend in person at the allocated times you can request a telephone call with your child's teacher by booking a time slot and stating in the notes that you would like a telephone call instead of face to face. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.

Parents and carers of children with an IEP will be offered a double appointment or alternative appointment on a different day. This is to allow time to talk through targets on the plan.



## **Parent Forum – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March—9am**

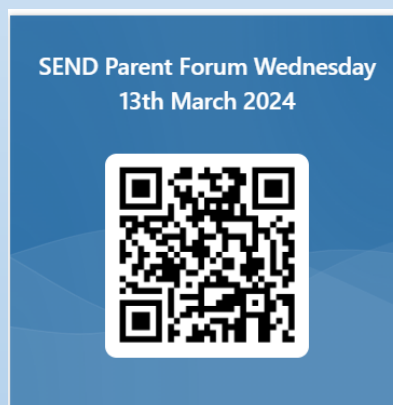
At Embsay Primary School, we value parental feedback and engagement with the provision and issues affecting SEND across the school. Given the recent changes in SEND Leadership this year, we also feel it is vital that we reach out to the wider school community, building new bridges and affording parents and carers the opportunity to meet staff and understand who is responsible for the SEND provision at Embsay.

As I am currently in the process of updating our school SEN Information Report, I would also very much appreciate your feedback and opinions on our current SEND provision and related topics, as well as give you the opportunity to ask questions relating to SEND provision that you may have.

To do this, I have organised a SEND Parent Forum on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 9am** – following school drop off. This will give you the opportunity to ask those questions and provide feedback on our SEND Provision. I would like to add that this is regarding general provision and is not an opportunity for direct questions relating to your child's provision. If you would like to discuss your own child, we can organise an individual meeting to do so.

I appreciate not everyone will be able to attend at that time, however I have created a Microsoft Forms link which will allow you to submit your questions and comments, detailing whether you will be able to attend or not:

<https://forms.office.com/e/SByT4P0mWE>



A summary and feedback of the Parent Forum will be created after the meeting, so you are able to see responses to your questions and feedback and understand how we have addressed those items.

In the interim, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Kindest Regards,  
Julia Sanderson (SENDCo)

## Comic Relief

For Comic Relief the children will be selling cakes and buns on the playground at the end of the school day (Friday 15th March).

They would really appreciate donations of buns to sell! Please bring into school on the morning of the 15th March)

If you would like to buy a bun from the children you can make payment directly to Comic Relief here. [Comic Relief 2024 \(parentpay.com\)](https://www.comicrelief.org/parentpay)



## SATs Information Session

On Wednesday 10th April, at 6pm, Miss Sanderson will be hosting a short SATs information session for parents of children in Year Six.

Reminder: SATs week is Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May.



## Attendance — Every School Day Counts

It has been proven that regular attendance at school makes a difference to your child's success in life. Children who do not attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Fall behind with their work
- Find it difficult to keep and maintain friends
- Be unhappy at school

Our Attendance for last half term is **97.23%** and our target is to be above **98%**. Please help us to reach this target, by ensuring your child attends every day. Please see attendance from last half term for each year group.

If we do contact you about your child's attendance please be assured that this is only because we have your child's best interests at heart and we want to support all children to be happy and succeed.

Reception	97%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	96%

## Safety Reminder

What do grapes and mini eggs have in common?



You may have seen this post on social media from the Child Accident Prevention Trust—we thought we should share as a reminder.

### What do whole grapes and mini eggs have in common?

They're both the perfect size and shape to completely block a child's airway. And, due to their texture they can be difficult to dislodge with standard first aid techniques.

With whole grapes we advise cutting them in half lengthways and ideally into quarters to create thin strips. But chopping up mini eggs isn't as easy. So, what can you do?

1. Hide them from the children and eat them yourself – good luck with that!
2. Put the mini eggs into a sealable plastic bag and smash them into small pieces with a rolling pin. Or, crush them in a pestle and mortar.
3. Opt for a different treat. Larger, hollow eggs are much safer for little ones.

## Open Classroom Reminder

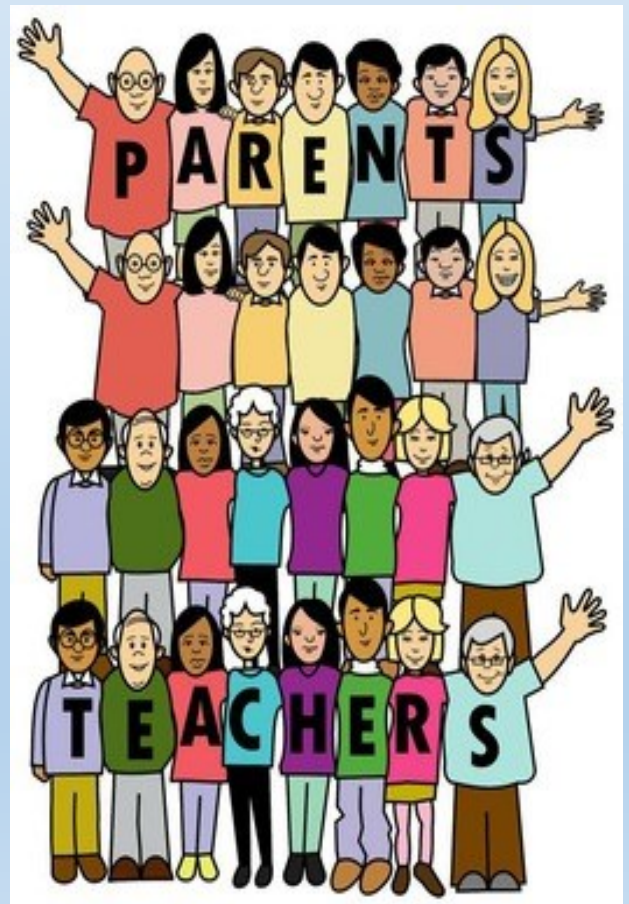
You are warmly invited to attend the following open classroom events next week

Monday 11th March—Reception—2.40pm

Tuesday 12th March—Year Four—2.40pm

Wednesday 13th March—Year Five—2.40pm

Wednesday 13th March—Year 6 Grow A Pound—3.20pm



## Governor Meetings

For information, Emsbay CE VC Primary School governor meetings will take place on the following dates:

14th March 2024—Full Governing Board Meeting

9th May 2024—Curriculum Committee Meeting

18th July 2024—Full Governing Board Meeting





## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Y6 Open Classroom

Year 6 are very much looking forward to their Open Classroom next week! They have been working extremely hard to raise funds for our Liverpool trip in April – letter to follow soon!

As part of the scheme, we would like to broaden the opportunity to make sales for the class by moving our Open Classroom outdoors (weather permitting!)

From 3:20 approximately, the Year 6s will be in the school yard selling their products – or for those who have already sold out, presenting their projects and supporting their classmates.

Some of the children have been so inspired by the project, they have already begun their business planning efforts to continue following the scheme's closure. Some children have in fact already begun sales for their own projects outside of school, which is amazing to see! Rest assured, any sales on Wednesday will go directly towards our Grow a Pound scheme, but it is amazing to see how much this has impacted. Brilliant!

We would love to see you there to support the class in their fundraising efforts!

Year 6 team

Dear Parent / Carers,

As part of our Anglo-Saxon topic this half-term, Year 5 will be having an Anglo-Saxon Day on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**.

We will be reciting plays and stories the children have written and sampling some Anglo-Saxon cooking. Known allergies and dietary requirements will be taken into consideration.

The children are invited to dress as Anglo-Saxons if you/they wish. This could be done by simply wearing a very large t-shirt, or even a hessian sack with holes cut in, over trousers or shorts with a string, fabric or leather belt over the top. A cloak could also be made from a blanket. Perhaps last year's Egyptian day costumes could be adapted slightly to look more Saxon! Please see the images below, or last year's pictures on the website for inspiration.

If you have any more questions regarding the Anglo-Saxon day, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hardman.



# Parent/Carer Support Group

## Supporting Emotional and Mental Health



Tuesday  
19th March



10:30am or  
7:30pm



Held on Zoom

Please email the  
address below

### THIS MONTHS TOPIC: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: ANXIETY



In this months Parent Support Group, we will be looking at anxiety. During this, we will think about what anxiety can look like for children and young people, along with identifying coping strategies for ways of managing feelings of anxiety.



[mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)



# Spring Term 2024

*There will be other dates that will be added to the diary as the term progresses, please keep an eye on emails and Newsletters.*

**Monday 11th March**—Reception Open Classroom—2.40pm

**Tuesday 12th March**—Year 4 Open Classroom—2.40pm

**Wednesday 13th March**—Y5 Open Classroom—2.40pm

**Wednesday 13th March**—Y6 Grow A Pound Open Classroom—3.20pm

**Thursday 14th March**—Crucial Crew—Y6

**Friday 15th March**—Red Nose Day—Non Uniform—Wear an item of red

**Friday 15th March**—Y3/Y4—Sports Trilogy—Sandylands

**Friday 15th March** – Easter Eggstravaganza (PTA event)

**Monday 18th March**—Whole school Easter Service @ St Mary's Church— AM

**Monday 18th March**—Parent Consultations 3-7pm (Whole School)

**Tuesday 19th March**—Parent Consultations 3-7pm (Year 3 only)

**Wednesday 20th March**—Parent Consultations 3-7pm (Whole school excl Yr3)

**Friday 22nd March**—End of Spring Term

**Wednesday 10th April**—Y6 SATs meeting—6-6.45pm

**Friday 28th June** – Summer Fayre (PTA event)





# Stars of the Week...



<b>Reception</b>	<i>Respect Award — Sophie C</i> <i>Achievement Award — Harry W / Harry B</i>
<b>Year 1</b>	<i>Respect Award — Jessica</i> <i>Achievement Award — Gilbert / Evie</i>
<b>Year 2</b>	<i>Respect Award - Oscar O</i> <i>Achievement Award — Oliver C / Louie F</i>
<b>Year 3</b>	<i>Respect Award — Nola</i> <i>Achievement Award — Max / George</i>
<b>Year 4</b>	<i>Respect Award — Matilda</i> <i>Achievement Award — Eddie / Clara</i>
<b>Year 5</b>	<i>Respect Award — Ellie</i> <i>Achievement Award — Isaac / Aurora</i>
<b>Year 6</b>	<i>Respect Award — Daniel</i> <i>Achievement Award — Theo</i>

## Extra Curricular Clubs this week

Monday	
Tuesday	Taekwondo—3.20– 4.20pm
Wednesday	Coding Club—3.20-4.30pm
Thursday	Kanga KS1 —3.20-4.20pm



Our end of half term newsletter will be  
Friday 22nd March 2024

All are welcome to St Mary's Church,  
Embsay with Eastby

# **Mothering Sunday Service**

**10th March 9.30am**

A short service giving thanks for  
those who care for us.



Distribution of  
flowers

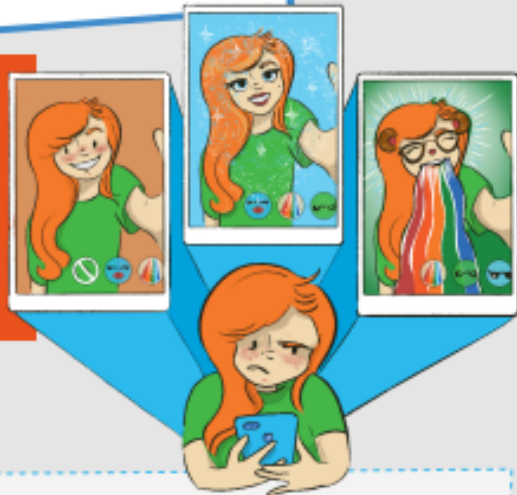
Celebrating the gifts given  
by the village to St Mary's  
especially for the  
Cut the Carbon Project.

**E safety News**—Please take the time to read the online safety Newsletter sent out to parents regularly and have a quick read of the information below. We will add a new poster here each week.

# Online Safety and Social Media

SWGfL  
Safe, Secure, Online

Social media is an online platform that allows users to connect with others online. Depending on what platform you use, social media can allow you to communicate and share information with others with the intention to update or engage a specific audience. This can often include sharing videos, images, status updates or posts with a group of followers that can sometimes cover a global scale.



A lot of the time, social media is a positive place where users support each other. Despite this, it can also house toxic and harmful behaviours, which can be directed towards specific individuals or groups with the intention to harass, or cause upset.

## Benefits of Social Media

- 1 Available and accommodating to most audiences
- 2 Can promote positivity and healthy expression
- 3 An accessible platform to connect with others
- 4 An instant platform for news and global awareness

## Considerations for Social Media

- 1 Harmful and offensive content may be seen across platforms
- 2 Can be used to promote misleading information
- 3 Can promote unhealthy expectations and pressure for young people
- 4 Can impact digital wellbeing if not managed correctly

## Harm on Social Media

Many social media platforms have adapted to include reporting features in order to tackle certain types of online harm. Some of these harms to watch out for include:

- 1 Fake online profiles
- 2 Misinformation or fake ads
- 3 Scamming or fraud attempts
- 4 Radical online content

## Socialising Online

Social media provides a lot of freedom in how to connect with other users as well as how information and content is made available. This has provided certain platforms with worldwide appeal, giving anyone an opportunity to connect and engage with others. To promote keeping safe on social media, ensure that young people know how to:

- 1 Report harmful content online
- 2 Block and report users who are being offensive or harmful
- 3 Manage privacy settings to limit exposure to known friends and family members
- 4 Speak to a trusted adult if they are concerned about something online

To find out more about Social Media visit the SWGfL hub:  
[swgfl.org.uk/topics/social-media/](http://swgfl.org.uk/topics/social-media/)

or scan the QR code



## Further Support

**Professionals Online Safety Helpline:** [saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline](http://saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline)

**Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service:** [swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/](http://swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/)

**Report Harmful Content:**  
[reportharmfulcontent.com](http://reportharmfulcontent.com)



NOMINET

# Hands-on History Heritage Workshops

**3 FREE** artist-led, drop-in workshops.

At Craven Arts House, 55 Otley Street, Skipton

**#visitskipton**



**2pm – 4pm Sunday**

**3rd, 10th and 17th March 2024**

Find out about Skipton's hidden treasures.  
Join in with fun, creative activities based on  
Skipton Civic Society's String of Beads  
heritage trail, on the **What Was Here?** app.  
Open to all ages, family-friendly.



Historic England



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# EASTER CAMPS 2024

Awarded LTA UK Club of the Year | Reception to Age 12

TENNIS | FOOTBALL | MULTISPORTS

**Week 1** : Mon, 25 – Thu, 28 Mar

**Week 2** : Tue, 02 – Fri, 05 Apr

**Drop off** : FREE from 8:30am

**9:00am - 3:30pm** : £25 / day

**3:30pm - 5:00pm** : £5 / day



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## UNRIVALLED FACILITIES :

Club House | 5 Tennis Courts | Padel Court  
Grass Fields | 4G All-Weather Pitch | Sports Hall

BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE AT [skiptontennis.com](https://skiptontennis.com)

**SKIPTON  
TENNIS CENTRE**

07875 643780



[info@skiptontennis.com](mailto:info@skiptontennis.com)



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## Wild Explorers

**Where nature, fun and adventure collide!**

A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

**We are an OFSTED registered outdoor holiday club where children can play, enjoy a campfire, woodland crafts, tools and much more!**



### Price

£30 per child per day  
Childcare vouchers accepted

### Age

Reception - Age 13

### Easter Holidays

Monday 25th - ~~Thursday~~ 28th March  
Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April

*Birthday parties also available year round - email us for more info*



### Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

### Location

Broughton Hall Estate



[hello@wildexplorers.org.uk](mailto:hello@wildexplorers.org.uk)



[www.wildexplorers.org.uk](http://www.wildexplorers.org.uk)

# feast

# Free activities

for 

children and young people  
this school holiday.



**Packed with sport, art, fun  
and food, there's something  
for everyone.**

Everyone in North Yorkshire from Reception to  
Year 11 (Year 13 if SEND) can join in, with **FREE**  
places available for eligible children and young  
people.

Discover what's on offer at  
**feastNY.org**



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for Education**



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# CRAVEN

## EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT



**A selection of activities available in your area**

### KANGA

Holiday club to keep you children active, well-fed, and having fun

### SELFA

A safe and inclusive space for all - SEND exclusive, for members only

### WILD EXPLORERS

Nurturing and fun forest school

### CRAVEN YOUNG CARERS

Fun days out and activities for young carers



### A PLAY AND LEARN SCHEME

An inclusive journey through new activities in a safe and fun environment

**Book your FREE space now!**



**FEAST is available for all children and young people across North Yorkshire with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people.**

[feastny.org](https://feastny.org)





# Pedal in the Park



**Spring Sessions Starting Thursday's  
18-April thro 23-May 2024**

**Beginners: 5.00 - 5.45pm**

**Intermediates: 5.45 – 6.30pm**

**Advanced: 6.30 – 7.30pm**

Sign up on Skipton Cycling Club Website

**[WWW.Skipton.CC](http://WWW.Skipton.CC)**

**Fun Professional Cycling Coaching  
AIREVILLE PARK SKIPTON**



Children  
must be able  
to ride  
without  
stabilisers





# Embsay Cricket Club

Welcomes New Junior Cricketers  
For School Years 5 to 8 (inclusive)

Weekly Training Starts

Monday 26th February to 29th April

6.30 - 7.30pm at Ermysted's Grammar School

No kit required - just wear sports clothes  
and bring a drink!

Come along or, for more information, contact:

Duncan Bullough

Email: [d.bullough@bullough.co.uk](mailto:d.bullough@bullough.co.uk)

Mob: 07960 408178

