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Friday 10th February 2023,

Dear Parents and Carers,

Governor Information

We are delighted to welcome Matthew White as our new Chair of Governors following our Federation Governing Body Meeting this week. Matt is a Foundation Governor, but is also a parent at Egton School. A huge thank you and farewell to Paul Gilchrist, our outgoing Chairperson. Paul and his wife Judith are moving to Lincoln to be nearer family as they have welcomed a new grandchild to the family. As well as being Chair of Governors, Paul and Judith also ran JaM (Jesus and Me) club in both schools and will be very much missed by staff and children. We wish them well in their new adventures.

Attendance

The Governing Body would like to share with you that last term our attendance was significantly improved and we were in the top 25% of schools. They pass on their thanks and appreciation and are delighted that we have maintained a high level of attendance so that pupils can achieve their full potential.

Game of Actual Life

Last Friday, the Junior Class enjoyed a day playing "The Game of Actual Life" which was delivered by Mr Green. The children had a brilliant time tackling maths through real life situations. Jobs, mortgages and pensions, they had to manage it all!

Fairtrade Tuckshop

Sadly, Traidcraft has ceased trading so we are no longer able to get hold of the cookies and biscuits which we sell on a Friday morning at the Fairtrade tuckshop. We are looking for alternatives but please be aware that the tuckshop will not be running after half term until we can source new products. Please send your child with their own snack and drink in the meantime. Thank you.

Egg Boxes Needed

After half term, Miss Robertsons class will be making boats as part of their Design Technology lessons. Please could we ask for donations of cardboard egg boxes to help with this. They will be needed for Wednesday 22nd February and can be sent into school before that.

Pancake Lunch for Year 6 Children

Once again, Our Year 6 children will be walking up to the village hall with Mrs Orland to take part in the village Pancake Lunch. This will take place on Shrove Tuesday, 21st February. Further details have been sent to those involved by email this afternoon.

Coming Up - World Book Day!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March this year so you may want to put your thinking caps on over half term if your child would like to come dressed as a book character on that day. Further details to follow after half term.

Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics

The Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics which were due to take place on Wednesday were postponed until after half term. Further details of the new date will be sent to those involved nearer the time.

Confirmation Year 5 and 6

To enable us to know whether we need to plan a programme of summer confirmation classes and a confirmation service, **please could you let us know by email** if your child would like to be confirmed into the Church of England. Thank you.

Confirmation is the service at which children make for themselves the promises to God made on their behalf at their Baptism, usually by their parents and Godparents. It shows their desire to be committed as a Christian.

The minimum age for Confirmation is 9 years but there is no upper limit! Adults as well as children would be most welcome and we are able to pass on details of all interested parties.

Supporting Your Child with Year 6 Maths SATs

Please see the poster below for details of a course which is being run by NYCC. With Year 6 SATs just around the corner, this course will provide you with increased knowledge of SATs content and how you can support your child. Please see the attached [poster](#) for dates and how to book your place.

Music Lessons

If your child is interested in learning to play either piano, guitar, drums, voice, flute, harp, accordion, recorder, clarinet, saxophone, ukulele or penny whistle, Alex Lillie has places available. Please do contact Alex on 07837042246 or alixhoste@hotmail.com to discuss.

Forest School & Swimming

Our next Forest school session will take place on Thursday 23rd February for the Infant Class.

We will have our next whole school swimming session on Thursday 2nd March.

School Term Dates

The list of term dates for the 2022/2023 academic year can be viewed [HERE](#).

Diary Dates

Please note that our calendar can be found on the school website [HERE](#). This is updated regularly throughout the term.

Swimming - Whole School	Thursday 2nd, 16th & 30th March
Forest School - Infant Class	Thursday 23rd February
Break Up for Half Term	Friday 10th February at 3.15pm
Children Return to School	Monday 20th February at 9.00am

After Half Term I will be at Egton on Monday, Tuesday and Friday and Danby on Wednesday and Thursday.

I hope you have a super half term.

Best wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

Healthy Snacks

Please could we ask that children bring a 'healthy' snack into school for morning break, no sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. Infant children are provided with a piece of fruit but may also bring in their own snack if preferred.

School Dinner Menu

Please be aware that sometimes menus do need to change slightly depending on deliveries etc. The cost for dinners remains at £2.60 per meal/ £13.00 per week for the Junior Children. Children in the Infant Class receive free dinners as part of the government Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Please contact Mrs Harland in the school office to arrange payment if your child is in the Junior Class.

If your child has any special dietary requirements or allergies please could you let us know by completing the appropriate form which can be found [HERE](#). This form can also be found on our school website.

Just a reminder that on Fridays we have an alternative choice to fish so that both the fish lovers and the fish haters can enjoy a hot meal. This will alternate between sausages and pizza and we will make the children aware the day before what option it is that week.

Jewellery in School

Please could we remind everyone of the policy regarding jewellery in school.

'Jewellery is not allowed to be worn for Health and Safety reasons following a directive from North Yorkshire County Council. However a watch and small stud earrings may be worn on a daily basis but must be removed for PE.'

We have noticed a number of children wearing items such as bracelets and necklaces recently. Not only does this present a health and safety risk but also causes upset if these items get lost.

If you wish your child to have their ears pierced, we recommend that you have this done over the Summer holiday period to allow them to heal before a return to school. **All earrings must now be removed for PE and Swimming lessons, we are not allowed to tape over them as in previous times.**

Contacting the teaching staff

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l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

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Please note that staff emails are only monitored during the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday. For anything urgent outside of these hours please contact the admin email.

admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Attendance

Just a little reminder that if your child is ill and will be absent from school, we ask that you contact school to let us know on each day that they will be absent, by 9.30am. This can be by telephone on **01947 895369** or by email to admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk. If we do not hear anything from you we will give you a call to check everything is okay as part of our safeguarding procedures. Thank you

Free School Meal Eligibility

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, please use the application form which can be found on the NYCC website - [Free school meals | North Yorkshire County Council](#).

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives universal free school meals, please check your entitlement. Being eligible will mean that the school receives additional funding for your child which will go towards their learning and any additional support they may need.

To qualify for free school meals you must fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month);
- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC); or
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit. Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

If you need any help or further clarification, please contact the school office.

Egton Village Hall

Egton Village Hall is available to hire once again, for Parties and Events. The rates for hire are as follows:

£10ph for hall only plus tea and coffee making facilities

£12ph for a buffet which doesn't require the use of the oven

£15ph for full use of the kitchen.

All booking enquiries should be made by emailing villagehallegton@gmail.com. The bookings secretary will then get back to you.

