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### Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another busy week, starting with a lovely trip to the Stephen Joseph theatre with Danby School to see Aladdin. It was a super production as always and everyone enjoyed the experience. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the FOES movie night a success on Wednesday, another christmassy event that was much enjoyed.

Many schools are being affected by a number of virulent winter bugs and the following guidance was issued to schools yesterday to share with parents:

*The UK Health Security Agency have produced advice on illnesses that are currently affecting nursery and school children across Yorkshire and The Humber.*

*What are the symptoms?*

*There are two groups of symptoms:*

- *Diarrhoea and vomiting – usually lasting*
- *1-2 days • Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore throat – lasting 3-4 days*

*What should I do if my child is unwell?*

- *If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms, they should not attend nursery/school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours*
- *If your child has a high temperature and is unwell, it is very important they stay at home and don't attend school until they have recovered. Children with mild symptoms like runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.*
- *Ensure they drink plenty of fluids – taking sips rather than gulps, to avoid vomiting*
- *If they have a fever – give child paracetamol and/or ibuprofen, according to manufacturer's instructions. Your local pharmacist can also advise you about the best treatment for your child*
- *If your child is unusually sleepy, can't take fluids or has other symptoms, such as an unusual rash, headache or neck stiffness – **seek medical advice immediately***

*Infection control advice*

*Handwashing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person caring for them. Hands should be washed using soap and rinsed under running water:*

- *Before and after caring for the child*
- *After using the toilet*
- *Before eating, preparing or handling food*
- *After cleaning up spills (vomit, diarrhoea or urine)*

- Also – keep a separate towel for each family member who has symptoms, and change them regularly
- Dry hands thoroughly

Other control measures:

- Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue if possible – dispose of used tissues immediately and wash hands
- Wash soiled clothing, bed linen and towels at 60oC, using detergent – if possible, wear disposable gloves to handle contaminated items
- Surfaces and touch points (taps, toilet flush handle, door handles) should be cleaned then disinfected with bleach-based cleaner
- Check that your child is up to date with their [NHS vaccinations schedule](#)

For further information, visit [NHS.uk](#) and search for ‘respiratory infections’ and ‘diarrhoea and vomiting’.

### **Y5/6 Basketball**

Last Friday, our Y5/6s travelled to Whitby to partake in a Basketball event. They had a great time practising their skills before heading into friendly matches against other schools. As ever, they represented our school wonderfully, well done everybody!

### **Y6 Lunch**

Yesterday. Our Year 6s were treated not only to a wonderful lunch at Vi’s cafe in St Matthew’s Church, but a wreath-making master class too! The willow wreaths they brought back to school looked absolutely fantastic. Year 6 were a delight to take out.

### **FOES Christmas Tuck Shop**

On Friday 20th December, there will be the FOES tuck shop with items available for purchase from 50p.



### **Christmas Activities:**

Here are the details for all our events over the next week:



### **Monday 16th December - Dress Rehearsal**

We will be having our dress rehearsal in church on Monday 16th December. Please make sure all costumes are in school by Friday 13th December. Thank you.

### **Tuesday 17th December - Afternoon Nativity Performance**

Our afternoon performance will begin at 1.30pm in St Hilda’s Church, Egton. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

### **Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day**

**Christmas Jumpers can be worn today along with normal school uniform.** If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to have a school Christmas Dinner please do let us know. Thank you.

### **Wednesday 18th December - Evening Nativity Performance**

Please could children arrive at Church between 5.30pm and 5.45pm. Our evening performance will begin at 6.00pm in St Hilda’s Church, Egton. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

### **Thursday 19th December - School Christmas Cards - Last Posting Date**

We will once again have a Christmas post box in school for the children if they wish to send cards to their friends. As in previous years, please do not place any additions such as sweets or small gifts in the cards. Thank you.

**Friday 20th December - Christmas Party and Party Lunch** – Children may come to school in their party clothes. However, please ensure your child has sensible footwear and a coat as we will be walking up to the village hall and playing games. If we have been good there may be a special visitor too! If your child usually has packed lunch and would like to have a school party lunch please do let us know. Thank you.

**Friday 20th December - Break up for the holidays at 3.30pm**



### **Lost & Found**

Please can you check you haven't gained a size one pair of black girls shoes with a buckle in error as they were lost following the last forest school session. Thank you.

We still also have unclaimed reading glasses and a black pair of goggles. If you are missing these, please get in touch.

### **Festive Support - Early Help**

Please see below information which we have been asked to share with you regarding Festive Support from the organisation, Early Help:

### **Emotional and Mental Health**

The holiday season can be a challenging time for mental and emotional health. Here are some valuable resources to support both adults and children during Christmas:

#### **For Adults**

- ★ **Mind:** Mind offers tips and advice on coping with the holiday season, including managing stress, dealing with loneliness, and maintaining mental well-being. [Christmas and Mental Health](#)
- ★ **Samaritans:** Provides 24/7 support for anyone struggling to cope. They offer a safe space to talk about whatever is troubling you. Call 116 123 or visit [Contact Us | Samaritans](#)
- ★ **NHS:** The NHS offers advice on managing mental health during the holidays, including tips on dealing with stress and where to find support. [NHS Mental Health Support](#)

#### **For Children**

- ★ **The Go-To - Emotional wellbeing and mental health** website is the home of wellbeing and mental health for young people in North Yorkshire and provides a wealth of information and practical advice for children, young people, their carers and professionals.
- ★ **YoungMinds:** Offers advice on supporting children and young people with their mental health, including how to handle anxiety around Christmas. [Helping Your Child with Anxiety at Christmas](#)
- ★ **The Children's Society:** Provides tips for managing children's mental health during the festive season, including maintaining routines and understanding their needs. [Supporting Children's Mental Health at Christmas](#)
- ★ **Childline:** Offers free, confidential support for children and young people. They provide a safe space to talk about any worries or concerns. Call 0800 1111 or visit Childline - [Childline](#)
- ★ **Kooth** is a free, safe and anonymous online wellbeing service for children and young people. The Kooth team provide free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling. The whole team are made up of friendly and experienced individuals and are a BACP accredited service. [Kooth](#)
- ★ **Shout!** is the UK's first and only 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis. Get free, confidential mental health support anytime, anywhere. Text 'Shout' to 85258. [Shout](#)

### **FEAST**

On previous newsletters and emails, you will have seen details for FEAST [Food. Entertainment. Arts. Sport. Together.] activities for children during school holidays. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free

meal for eligible children and young people. To look at the selection of free holiday activities nearby over the Christmas holidays, please take a look [HERE](#). The events on the website go live on Monday 25th November 2024.

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children/young people are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area. If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

 **Santa Claus is coming to town...19th December at 5.30pm** 

We have heard that once again, the big man himself will be making his way up the village, with a quick trip around Little Betty before coming back into the top of Egton for a quick stop at The Witching Post. He will then head down to Egton Bridge towards The Horseshoe Hotel, then along Broom House Lane before he heads back to the North Pole to get ready for the big day!

**School Term Dates**

The list of term dates for the academic year 2024/2025 can be found [HERE](#).

**School Dinner Menus**

The Autumn Term Menu can be found [HERE](#). The Spring / Summer Term Menu can be found [HERE](#).

**Diary Dates**

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

<b>Swimming Dates</b>	19/12/25	
<b>Junior Thursday Forest School Dates</b>	09/01/25	
<b>Christmas Play</b>	Tuesday 17th December 1.30pm Wednesday 18th December 6.00pm	
<b>Santa Claus is Coming to Town</b>	Thursday 19th December 5:30pm	
<b>Children's Christmas Party</b>	Friday 20th December 1.30pm	
<b>Last Day of Term</b>	Friday 20th December	
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January	
<b>Staff training day</b>	Monday 6th January 2025	
<b>Children return to school</b>	Tuesday 7th January	

Next week I will be at Egton on Monday, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and part of Friday afternoon. I will be at Danby on Tuesday morning, Thursday and Friday morning and part of the afternoon.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

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### **Safeguarding Children Telephone Number**

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, please note that from the 1st April 2023, the main customer service line for the new North Yorkshire Council will be changing. The new number will be **0300 131 2 131** and will replace the old 01609 780780 number. This will mean that all contacts for referrals for children within North Yorkshire need to go through the 0300 131 2 131 number. **This includes any contacts out of hours for the Emergency Duty Team.**

The contact number for the professionals line will remain the same 01609 535070.

The updated details regarding making a referral for a child in North Yorkshire have been updated on our website ([www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child](http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child)).

### **ParentPay Hints & Tips**

If you would like to pay for all payment items together rather than individually, there is an option to pay for everything at once! Simply go into each payment item [on one or more children] and click 'Add to Basket' at the bottom of the screen. When everything is in the basket, click on the basket icon and pay for everything under one transaction.

### **Adverse weather conditions**

Well done to everyone who braved the weather conditions this week! Just a reminder that last week we sent out a reminder of our school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions. We are also asking that everyone completes a 'Safe place' form so that we have an alternative place logged for your child to go to should the school need to close during the school day. Please complete this form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

[Link to safe alternative place for your child](#)

[Link to the school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions](#)

### **School Dinner Menu**

Please find the Autumn Term school menu [HERE](#). The Spring Term School menu can be found [HERE](#). Please be aware that sometimes menus do need to change slightly depending on deliveries etc. 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](#).

### **Healthy Snacks**

Children may bring a 'healthy' snack into school for morning break, no crisps, cake or chocolate please. Fruit will also be available for any child that would like some.

### **Dinners and Breakfast and After School Clubs**





have been increased and also the introduction of possible legal intervention. Please see below the information from the DfE.

*For unauthorised Leave of absence taken within a three-year rolling period, Penalty Notices will be issued as follows:*

- *The first Penalty Notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular child will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days, this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.*
- *A second Penalty Notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same child will be charged a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- ***A third Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first Penalty Notice.***
- ***In a case where the national threshold is met for the third time (or subsequent times) alternative action will be taken. This will include considering prosecution but may include other tools such as one of the other Legal Interventions to address poor attendance.***

As always, any leave of absence other than illness, must be requested in advance by completing a form to the headteacher. These forms are available from the school office.

### **Contacting the teaching staff**

[l.tokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:l.tokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

[l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

[g.thompson@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:g.thompson@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **Friends of Egton School Updates**

#### **ParentPay**

Please note you can now use ParentPay to make donations and contributions to FOES under the 'Payment Items' section. Simply reference the reason for your payment in the 'Notes' section.

Please find below some FOES fundraisers which we invite you all to sign up to...

#### **My NameTags - FOES fundraiser**

We have signed up to a company called 'My Name Tags' who produce personalised name stickers/iron on stickers to label clothing, shoes etc. It's very easy to use and saves a lot of time writing names in everything! All you have to do is click on the link below to enter the website, create the stickers and then put the unique school ID in the box under the 'Shipping Details' during checkout. For every order placed, we will receive 24% commission for the FOES account. If you have any questions, please speak to Elizabeth in the school office.

<https://www.mynametags.com/>

School ID is 73781

#### **Easy fundraising - FOES fundraiser**

We are registered with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) which gives the Friends of Egton School donations if you shop online and sign up to support Egton Primary School. You can also use easyfundraising when booking your holidays and raise big donations for us FOR FREE!

Please visit our easyfundraising page at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/egtonpsch/>

and click 'join us'. Thank you.

**Free Eye Test from NHS Public Health Team**

We have been asked to share the following information with you regarding free eye tests for children. The important messages from the leaflet are:

- Please take your child for a FREE eye test.
- Check this website to find your local opticians: [Sight Tests - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- Encouraging children & young people to manage their screen time and get outdoors more often can help their eyesight.

The leaflet was produced by North Yorkshire Council's Public Health Team.

[Eye Test Leaflet](#)