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Friday 16th December 2022,

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a week! Not quite how we wanted to end the term, but hopefully everyone managed to have some fun times in the snow before it froze! Thank you for your patience and thank you to those who have kept us updated with road and weather communications this week. Please be assured that after all the hard work that the children and staff have put into our Nativity play, we will reschedule for the New Year.

We did manage to start the week with a super trip to see Cinderella in Scarborough at the Stephen Joseph Theatre. Much fun was had by all and we enjoyed seeing all the costume changes and different characterisations from such a small cast. We also enjoyed a scrumptious Christmas Dinner prepared by Julie on Tuesday.

We were so pleased to be able to get into school today, albeit with a smaller number of children! We enjoyed a festive afternoon in school. Luckily the elves, who cleverly knew that we hadn't made it up to the village hall, managed to drop off the gifts on behalf of Father Christmas as he's getting really busy now! For those who weren't able to make it into school, it was lovely to see some of you join us for a special Christmas online worship this morning in place of our Crib Service. We were so glad to be able to see so many of you in person and wish you all a lovely Christmas.

I would like to say a really big thank you to our super staff who have worked so hard this term, but also ploughed on this morning determinedly so that we could all enjoy 'Christmas' in school today. We are very lucky to have such a great team!



Local Seasonal Events

Carols in St Hilda's Church - Friday 16th December

St Hilda's Church are holding an evening of your favourite carols in St. Hilda's Church, Egton on Friday 16th December. This will begin at 6.30pm and will be followed by mulled wine, mince pies and treats for the children. All welcome.

Santa is visiting Egton & Egton Bridge!

Santa will be going through Egton on his sleigh, on Saturday 24th December at 5.30pm. He will make a short stop outside The Witching Post before heading down to Egton bridge. In Egton Bridge Santa will go past The Horseshoe Hotel before heading towards Broom House, then back to the North Pole.

St Margaret's Church, Aislaby - Display of Nativity Scenes

We are delighted to be taking part in the above event at St Margaret's Church in Aislaby. The children are going to be creating a Nativity Scene in school that will be included in the display at the church. The exhibition commences with a Carol service and blessing of the cribs on Sunday 18th December at 3.00pm, and is open for viewing daily thereafter between 1.30-4.00pm up to and including Christmas Eve. Entrance is free and seasonal refreshments available throughout each afternoon. They would love to welcome any of our parents and children.



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 5th & 19th January, 2nd February
Children Return to School	Wednesday 4th January

In our first week back, all staff are at Egton School training on Tuesday. On Wednesday I will be Egton in the morning and Danby in the Afternoon; Thursday I will be Danby in the morning and Egton in the afternoon; Friday I will be at Egton.

On behalf of the governors, staff and children we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. See you all in 2023!



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

Ukraine Resources

Obviously, the situation in the world has sadly changed over the last week or two. Some resources have been put out to enable school staff and families to support children with questions and discussions which you may find useful [HERE Speaking with Children about the War in Ukraine | Schools of Sanctuary](#), [Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#), and in the additional resource added to the email.

School Dinner Menu

Please find attached our school dinner menu for this term. 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 and parents aware the day before what option it is that week.

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.

NYCC 'Be Aware' Campaign - [New Link](#)

North Yorkshire County Council have asked us to publicise information about their 'Be Aware' campaign. Please click on the link below to access the document.

[Be Aware Information](#)

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.**

Tea Towels

We still have a number of tea towels featuring the pupils' artwork for sale in school. They are priced at £5 for 1, £9 for 2 or £12 for 3. If you would like to purchase any of these please send money into the school office in a named envelope.

Contacting the teaching staff

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

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

Recycle 4 Charity

We have a recycling box set up in the school reception for printer ink cartridges. Please send your old cartridges into school and help us fill the box. Once full we will send it off and raise money for school. Please note this is for ink cartridges only **NOT** toner and laser cartridges.

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.

Piano Lessons

One of our music teachers, Shirley smith, currently has places for more students to learn Piano. If your child is interested please contact the county music hub on 01609 532783 or by emailing countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk. They will be able to give you more information about costs and how to book.

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.



