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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5/ 6 Athletics

On Tuesday afternoon children in years 5 and 6 formed a federation team with Danby School to take part in an indoor athletics competition at Whitby School. It was a fantastic event and great fun and everyone showed fabulous team spirit and enthusiasm. Well done all!

VACANCY - Mid-day Supervisor

We are currently advertising for a Mid-day Supervisor to start after Christmas. For further information please click [HERE](#). Thank you.

Adverse weather conditions - **Left on from Last Week!**

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](#)

Flu Vaccinations

Today, the children who had prior parental consent have received their Flu vaccinations. Parents of any children absent from school today will be contacted by Vaccination UK either via email or telephone to book into the local clinic [Whitby]. If you do not hear from them or your child did not have consent and you would now like them to receive the vaccination, you can call Vaccination UK on 01723 331506 to arrange.

Whole School Trip to Land of Iron

This trip was postponed due to the snowy weather. We have rearranged for next Friday, 29th November. Here's to hoping we make it this time!

FOES Christmas Raffle Tickets - Our Christmas raffle is one of our biggest fundraisers and we usually have excellent prizes gifted from local businesses and families. All children have been given an envelope containing our annual Christmas Raffle tickets. We would be so grateful if you are able to help us to sell these to raise funds. If you are not in a position to do so, please do return unsold tickets/packets to school. Thank you. If you would like any more tickets, please email foes_ptfa@aol.com and the tickets will be with you as soon as possible.

FOES Christmas Fair - NEXT FRIDAY!!!

Our annual Egton Primary School Christmas Market will be on Friday 29th November 3:30-5.30pm. We will have some amazing local stallholders, childrens craft stalls, cake stall, games, tombola and more! Father Christmas' Grotto will be open from 3:30pm

Refreshments will be available including mince pies, Christmas cake, teas and coffees, hot chocolates and non alcoholic mulled wine!

This year we are bringing back our ' no parents allowed ' area in which children can purchase their very own Christmas presents for their parents/ carers in private, priced at £1 and £2 and we will also gift bag them up to keep them a surprise until Christmas Day!

Come along and start the festivities with us! Please note: Card machines available for payments.

FOES Hamper Packing - Thankyou to everyone who came along for the hamper packing yesterday afternoon, we have some beautiful prizes waiting to be won!

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.

School Term Dates

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

School Dinner Menu

The Autumn 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.

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| Swimming Dates | 5/12, 19/12 |
| Infants Thursday Forest School Dates | 12/12 |
| Junior Thursday Forest School Dates | 28/11 |
| School photographs | Monday 2nd December |
| Christingle Service | Thursday 5th December 6pm |
| Christmas Trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre | Tuesday 10th December |
| Christmas Play | Tuesday 17th December 1.30pm Wednesday 18th December 6.00pm |
| Christmas Children's Party | Friday 20th December 1.30pm |
| Last Day of Term | Friday 20th December |

hours as staff members will need to be retained during that time. Thank you.

Free School Meal Eligibility

We are sharing this information with you again as it has recently been updated. Please contact the school office if you would like any help.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are taken into account.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

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.

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 NYC website -[Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#).

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.**

Updated Guidance from the DfE regarding unauthorised leave of absence

Please be advised that there have been some legal changes to the guidance that schools must follow with regards to unauthorised leave of absences during term time. The penalty amounts 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

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

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

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.

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...

ASDA Cash Pots - NEW

Do you shop at ASDA? Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all — every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops. Our school is registered, please select us when you are shopping! Thank you.

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](#)