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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, another busy term that flew by, but what a lot we have managed to pack into it from posting letters to the King to firing rockets into the sky and of course lots of Eastery activities this week including a lovely Easter Service with Rev. Anthony. We hope everyone has a wonderful Easter time over the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who attended Parents Evenings this week, it was good to see everyone before we break up.

Palm Sunday - 29th March - message from Rev'd Anthony

In Egton, we'll have a donkey — one of our lovely "Egton Boys" walking down through the village with us as we begin our Palm Sunday procession. It should be a wonderful start to the morning, especially for children and families.

- ❖ Meet at the flagpole in Egton at 10.45 am (at the recreation ground) and walk together to St Hilda's Church for Palm Sunday Holy Communion at 11.00 am. We'll also have activities for our younger people at the Egton service.
- ❖ In Lealholm, we meet at 8.50 am in the car park and walk over together to St James' Church for Palm Sunday Holy Communion at 9.00 am.
- ❖ Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week as we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem, and you are warmly welcome to come and share in it with us.
- ❖ 3–4 pm Stations of the Cross Service at St Hilda's Church, Egton.
- ❖ 8.30–9 pm Compline on live.middleeskmoor.org .



Holiday Activities - message from FEAST [Food. Entertainment. Arts. Sport. Together.]

This week, we have issued vouchers to all families whose children receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle your child to free places on FEAST activities this Easter

holiday, where they'll also receive a free healthy meal. You should have received your voucher via email or text, from a platform called HolidayActivities.

If you haven't yet redeemed your voucher, please do so as soon as possible to book your child's place on the great activities happening locally.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have misplaced it, please contact the school office before the end of term.

To learn more about FEAST, including activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, please visit the [FEAST](#) website.

Please note, these activities are available to all children, but free to those with vouchers as described above.

Swimming or Forest School

Our first swimming session will be on Thursday 23rd April. Please ensure everyone is equipped with kits as usual. Thank you.

After School Summer Fun Clubs

We will be starting this year's After School Fun Clubs on the first Wednesday back [15th April]. The clubs will run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. There will be a selection of clubs running each week such as Sports, Gardening, Arts & Crafts, Construction and Cooking. We will be allowing the children to choose which club they would like to take part in from those on offer each week rather than assigning them to one club for the term. We would like parents to complete the google form found [HERE](#) to let us know if they are happy for their children to take part and to let us know who will be collecting the children at the end of clubs. We ask that this is completed by 3pm on Tuesday 15th April. Thank you. **Please note: SATs Club will continue on Wednesdays until 4.30pm for another 4 weeks for Year 6.**

School Dinner Menu

Please click [HERE](#) for the new Spring/Summer Term menu which will be delivered after half term. 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](#).

FOES NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came along to a fun evening of Easter Bingo last night and huge thanks to everyone who made it happen! Well done to George who won the Easter Hamper.

Watch out for our events dates for next term.

School Term Dates

The list of term dates for the academic year 2025-2026 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 Every Other Thursday | After Easter: 23rd April |
| Forest School Juniors | After Easter: 30th April |
| Forest School Infants | After Easter: 14th May |
| Easter Holidays | Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April |
| Teacher Training Day | Monday 13th April - school closed to pupils |
| Children return to school | Tuesday 14th April |
| Castle Howard Trip | Thursday 16th April |
| Peat Rigg Residential Y3/4 | Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th April |

After Easter, staff will be training at Egton School on Monday, I will be at Egton on Wednesday and Thursday, I will be at Danby on Tuesday and Friday.

Have a wonderful Easter break and hopefully some rest and relaxation!

Best wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

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).

Mobile Phones, Smart Watches and Devices

Mobile phone and smart watch technology has advanced significantly over the last few years and continues to evolve. Many phones and smart watches now offer internet and e-mail access, alongside standard functions of messaging, tracking, camera, video and sound recording. We are also seeing an increase in Smartwatch 'look-alikes' which have games and activities on which are proving a distraction to learning and are time consuming for teaching staff to monitor.

- Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.
- For multi-day courses parents must attend all days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

Spaces fill-up fast so please share with your parents and carer networks and encourage early booking to avoid missing out!

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.

Free School Meal Eligibility

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. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.

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](#).

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

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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.