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Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

<u>Newsletter</u>

We are at the beginning of FOES' Christmas Fair which runs until 5:30pm! Please come along and join us for some festive treats!

Whole School Trip to Land of Iron

The children have recently returned from their journey to Skinningrove to visit the 'Land of Iron' with stories of an excellent day! Keep an eye on our facebook for what they've been up to!

School Photographs

The school photographer will be coming to school next Monday, 2nd December at 9.00am. Children without siblings will be photographed individually and children with siblings will be photographed both individually and with their sibling(s). If you have older or younger siblings you would like to be included, please bring them along at 8.45am and we will take these photos first. It would help with logistics if you could let us know if you will be coming in earlier, please let Elizabeth know in the school office. Many thanks.

VACANCY - Mid-day Supervisor

We are currently advertising for a Mid-day Supervisor to start after Christmas. For further information please click <u>HERE</u>. Thank you.

Christingle Service - St Matthews, Grosmont, Thursday 5th December

On Thursday 5th December we are delighted that we will be holding our Christingle Service at St Matthews, Grosmont. The children will be making Christingles in school ready for this lovely service. Do come and join us for a short service at 6pm. Refreshments will be being served in church from 5.30pm.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Friday 13th December

This year we will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December, so the children may wear their favourite Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper. Other uniform garments are still to be worn. Donations are welcome for Save the Children to help kids in the UK and around the world get the best future ever. There's more to Christmas Jumper Day than wearing a silly jumper. You'll be helping children facing serious issues like war, hunger and poverty. And this year, with so many children having a really tough time, getting involved matters more than ever. Thank you.

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.

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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!

FOES Christmas Raffle Tickets - The children will be carrying out the big draw on Monday afternoon. Please have your completed raffle tickets in by 9am on Monday morning to ensure a chance of winning one of our fabulous hampers or prizes! Thank you

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 <u>HERE</u>. 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 <u>HERE</u>.

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 <u>HERE</u>. This is updated regularly throughout the term.

Swimming Dates	5/12, 19/12
Infants Thursday Forest School Dates	12/12
Junior Thursday Forest School Dates	09/01
School photographs	Monday 2nd December
Christingle Service	Thursday 5th December 6pm
Christmas Trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre	Tuesday 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13th December 2024
Christmas Play	Tuesday 17th December 1.30pm Wednesday 18th December 6.00pm
Santa Claus is Coming to Town	Thursday 19th December 5:30pm
Christmas Children's Party	Friday 20th December 1.30pm

Last Day of Term	Friday 20th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January
Staff training day	Monday 6th January 2025
Children return to school	Tuesday 7th January

Next week I will be at Danby on Monday all day, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday all day and Friday morning. I will be at Egton on Tuesday morning, Thursday all day and Friday afternoon.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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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).

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

School Dinner Menu

Please find the Autumn Term school menu <u>HERE</u>. 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 <u>HERE</u>.

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

Just a reminder of our costs this term.

- Dinners for Junior children £2.80. (Infant meals continue to be free of charge through a government scheme)
- Breakfast club: £3.00 a day
- After School Club: £2.50 3.30pm 4.30pm to include a drink and snack
 - £3.00 4.30pm 5.30pm to include a drink and light tea

Please note that there will continue to be our free of charge fun after school club in the autumn term until October half term on Wednesdays from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. If children need to stay until 5.30pm for after school provision on these evenings, parents will still be charged £5.50 for the two 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 -<u>Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council</u>.

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

<u>I.tokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk</u> <u>I.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk</u> <u>g.thompson@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk</u>

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

<u>Attendance</u>

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 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: <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/egtonpsch/</u> 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: <u>Sight Tests NHS (www.nhs.uk)</u>
- 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