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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Junior Birds on the Edge Project

Our junior class enjoyed a session with the National Park this week as part of our involvement on the Birds on the Edge project. During the session they presented the results of the project and shared what the other Birds on the Edge schools have recorded. They also introduced the Turtle Dove Geocaching Challenge and ran a small geocaching session with the class. They bought a 'Geocoin' and placed it in a geocache local to our school. The coin is a trackable item that we can follow in class as it makes its journey following the migratory route of the Turtle Dove, down to sub Saharan Africa. This has been such a lovely project for the children to be involved in and they look forward to tracking the coin.

★ Local Artist Visitor ★

On Tuesday afternoon, the infants were treated to a wonderful afternoon full of art! Local artist and school family member, Annie Raw, inspired our Infants as part of their art topic on local artists. Annie showed the children how to sketch and draw, sharing her talent and creativity with our young artists. It was a fantastic hands-on experience! A big thank you to Annie for sharing her passion for art with us! 🧑🎨★

KS2 Cross Country - rearranged date Thursday 10th October 1-3pm

The junior cross country tournament that was postponed a couple of weeks ago has been rescheduled for next Thursday 10th October in the afternoon.

Friends of Egton School Bingo and Annual General Meeting - **Thursday!**

Don't forget to come along to our FREE children and parents Bingo afternoon with hotdog tea to celebrate the start of the new school year. If you would like to attend with your child/ren please email: foes_ptfa@aol.com. We will briefly hold a short AGM at this event starting at 3pm. Please, do come along as we need a certain number at the AGM to be able to operate for a further year. Thank you!

Egton Indoor Car Boot and Tombola - **Sunday!**

Egton Village Hall are hosting a monthly Table top sale starting this Sunday. Each month, a tombola will be run by a local school or group. This Sunday, Friends of Egton School have been given the opportunity to run the tombola and they would appreciate the support this weekend. Come and see us between 10am and 1pm, tea and bacon butties available! Please see the attached poster for further details.

Harvest and Food Bank

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Tuesday 8th October at 9.15am at St Hilda's Church, Egton. Parents are welcome to the service and for coffee afterwards. We will be collecting for the Whitby Food Bank for our Harvest Gifts this year. Please follow [the link](#) to see appropriate items being collected currently. Items may be brought in any time between now and our service. Thank you.

♥♥♥Wear Yellow Day for 'YoungMinds' Charity♥♥♥

On Thursday 10th October, the children are invited to wear something yellow in order to show support and raise funds for the charity YoungMinds as a part of World Mental Health Day. YoungMinds have a wonderful website full of advice and information for children and parents to access at www.youngminds.org.uk and we will be undertaking some activities in school that day around mindfulness and well-being.

An Invitation from Revd Sam and Revd Anthony

The churches of Middle Esk Moor Benefice would like to invite you to a new initiative called WAVE: Welcoming All Valuing Everyone. The first event will be WAVE: Breakfast with God. This will take place on every Terrific Third Saturday of the month, in the morning with breakfast for everyone - waffles, toast, cereal, fruit juice, yoghurts, tea and proper coffee! This will be followed by an interactive Bible story with props, songs, craft activities and prayers. Fun for all the family (even little babies), a relaxed way to spend a few hours and a good time for adults to catch up over breakfast too. We'd love to see you there and make you very welcome. See the poster attachment for more information. And if you can't join us at Glaisdale, you're more than welcome to come to Hawsker instead. There's no need to book – just turn up! It's free of charge but donations are welcome - but only if you want to and are able to. Looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you!

Messages from Whitby Music Centre

We already offer ensembles for string, brass and woodwind players on Saturday mornings, these include ensembles for beginners and are open to players of all ages. If you know of instrumentalists who do not yet come along to Whitby Music Centre please mention us to them. All Music Centre rehearsals take place at the lower school site of Whitby School on Airy Hill.

Come and find out more at our Open Morning on Saturday 19 October; drop in anytime from 9.30am -12.30pm to meet the staff and groups.

We are launching a pop choir on Monday 4 November, 6.30pm-7.45pm. This is more likely to appeal to your older pupils but if there is sufficient interest we may establish a children's choir for younger pupils too that would rehearse at an earlier time.

We have an exciting offer for FREE string lessons on Saturday mornings: there is limited availability and places will be booked on a first-come-first-served basis so please get in touch if you have children who would like free lessons from our string staff.

Whitby & District Rotary Club Photographer Competition

'Young Photographer' Competition

Whitby & District Rotary Club are holding a competition called 'Young Photographer'. In previous years this has been open to Intermediate and Senior Schools but this year they have decided to extend it to Junior Schools for ages up to and including 10 years old. The theme this year is 'Wonderful Water'. A super theme for all the children so fortunate to live close to the sea.

Please see below links to further information if your child is interested in taking part. The closing date for entries is 30th November 2024.

[Poster:](#)

[Information Pack:](#)

[Entry Form](#)

Forest School

Next Thursday, the infant class will be doing Forest School. As the weather is turning cooler, please ensure the children are equipped with waterproofs, wellies, hats and gloves. Thank you.

Plastic Bottles needed for Forest School!

As a part of our upcoming Forest School activities, we need some plastic bottles. If you have any to spare, please bring them in for Mrs Thompson. Thank you.

FOES Jumble Sale

We have a jumble sale coming up Saturday 12th October 10am-12pm at Egton Village Hall. So if you are having an autumnal clear out please send your jumble items our way! Volunteers to help at this event are welcome, please let us know at school or see Megan at the school gate. Thank you!

Bag2School - FODS fundraiser - Wednesday 16th October

Our next Bag2School fundraiser is scheduled for Wednesday 16th October at 9.00am. This is a great opportunity to have a clear out before the winter arrives. Your child/ren will have brought home the Bag2School bags and information today. For more information about where the items go and a list of acceptable items you can donate please visit the [Bag2School](#) website. Each child has been given a bag today to bring home to fill. If you need any more please just use bin bags. All donations can be left in the school playground just over the wall by the entrance by 9.00am on the 16th. Please make sure all bags are securely tied at the top especially if it is a wet day as any soiled items will not be accepted. Thank you in advance for your support for this fundraiser for school.

Jumble Sale – when filling bags for Bags2school, please consider whether items are suitable for our jumble sale, see above! We intend that anything that isn't sold at the jumble sale, will be added to the Bags2school collection!

Stay and Play Dates

Our stay and play dates for this term are:

Wednesday 16th October 10.00am – 11.00am

Wednesday 13th November 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Stay and Play days are for children who are not yet at school age but would like to experience an hour in our school setting with our children and staff. All children must be accompanied by an adult for each session. If you would like any further information or to book a place at one or both of the sessions, please contact the school on 01947 895369 or email admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk.

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.

Swimming Dates	17/10, 7/11, 21/11, 5/12, 19/12
Infants Thursday Forest School Dates	10/10, 14/11, 12/12
Junior Thursday Forest School Dates	24/10, 28/11
Harvest Festival	Tuesday 8th October 9.15am St Hilda's Church, Egton
Wear Yellow for YoungMinds	Thursday 10th October
FOES AGM New Term Party and Bingo	Thursday 10th October 2.30pm onwards.
Bags2School Collection	9am Wednesday 16th October
Stay and Play for New Starters	Wednesday 16th October 10am-11am Wednesday 13th November 2pm-3pm
Half Term	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
School photographs	Monday 2nd December
Christmas Trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre	Tuesday 10th December

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

Have a lovely weekend.

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).

School Dinner Menu

Please find the Autumn Term school menu [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

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 - [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.

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](#)

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.