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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

150th Art Project

We've got off to a great start with our art work this week as you can see. All children have been involved and next week we are looking forward to beginning the glass sections. Don't forget former staff, governors and pupils are invited to come along anytime on **Tuesday 12th November between 3.30pm and 5pm** to make their tile to add to the project.



Act of Remembrance

On Monday we will be having our Collective Worship in church starting at 10.50am. Worship will be led by Rev. Anthony for and will include a short act of Remembrance. You are welcome to join us.

Federation St Hilda's Day & Children in Need 2024 Appeal

Next Friday we will be celebrating St Hilda's Day and supporting the Children in Need 2024 appeal. In the morning we will be joined by our friends from Danby School for a special St Hilda's Day service followed by Children in Need activities. One of these activities will be a cake sale so if you are able to bake or donate some cakes, they would be gratefully received. Please bring them to school on Friday morning ready for break time, thank you. If you would like to send some pennies in with your child/children for the cake sale that would be wonderful. This year we have set up a Children In Need donations page on ParentPay so if you would like to make any further donations, you can do so by clicking on the 'Children in Need 2024' payment item in your ParentPay account.

Children may dress up for the day in non uniform with a Children in Need theme (yellow or spotty is popular). As ever, please do not feel that you have to go out and buy anything special for this, feel free to be creative and adapt what you already have!

Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful charity.

REMINDER: Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2024

If you are taking part in the Shoebox appeal for Children in Distress, please send in your filled shoebox/drawstring cloth bag, in a sealed carrier bag with the £2 delivery donation into school NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER. The boxes/bags will be collected by a Children In Distress representative on Wednesday 13th November. Thank you for your support with this worthy project.

<u>FOES Christmas Raffle Tickets</u> - 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

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!

To make this possible we are asking parents/ carers if in any way possible to donate prizes to our tombola / "no parents allowed" stall or a box of mince pies into school by 20th November. Thank you. Please note: Card machines available for payments.

FOES Christmas Card Designs

Thank you to everyone who has ordered the goods of our budding artists for extra special Christmas merchandise! They have been sent home today with the children. [Please note: Goods have not been dispatched from school for those whose payment has not been received as yet].

FOES Hamper Packing - On Thursday 21st November, FOES are having an afternoon of hamper packing ready for the Christmas Raffle. Everyone is more than welcome to come and help. It will be from 1:30pm in school and you will be supplied with cakes and tea! Please contact Sarah on foes.ptfa@aol.com if you are able to attend. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

We have a selection of poppy's, wrist bands, snap wristbands, keyrings, zip tags and 'In Remembrance' wooden crosses in school to raise money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024. Suggested donation £1.00 per item - cash only in the collection box please in the school entrance. Thank you for your support.

Stay and Play

Our next stay and play date for this term is:

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@eqton.n-vorks.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 <u>HERE</u>. This is updated regularly throughout the term.

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Swimming Dates	21/11, 5/12, 19/12
Infants Thursday Forest School Dates	14/11, 12/12
Junior Thursday Forest School Dates	28/11
Return 'Love in a Box' for Children in Distress	Tuesday 12th November
Stay and Play for New Starters	Wednesday 13th November 2pm-3pm
School photographs	Monday 2nd December
Christingle Service	Thursday 5th December 6pm
Christmas Trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre	Tuesday 10th December
Children in Need - Non-Uniform	Friday 15th November
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
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 in Harrogate on Monday, Danby on Tuesday and Thursday and Egton on Wednesday and Friday.

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 <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 -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

I.tokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk I.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@eqton.n-vorks.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 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)
- 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