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Friday 9th December 2022,

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your good luck wishes and support with our SIAMS inspection today. It has been a very busy day, but a huge shout out to the staff, children and governors especially, for all of their hard work and efforts. We will receive the report to share with you in the new year.

### **Mince Pies needed**

The Governors and FOES will be providing refreshments in church after our Christmas plays next week. We would be very grateful for any donations of mince pies. These can be brought into school before wednesday or taken to church on the days of the productions. Thank you.

### **Theatre Trip - Monday 12th December**

Just a little reminder that on Monday morning next week, 12th December, the whole school will be travelling to Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough for a Christmas treat. We will be joining the children and staff from Danby School at the theatre to watch a production of Cinderella.

We will be travelling to and from the theatre by Coast and Country Coaches and need to leave school promptly at **8.30am** to ensure that we do not miss any of the performance. As this is before normal school hours, we need to ask that parents bring their children into school early. **Please ensure that your child is in school no later than 8.20am. We will be unable to wait for any latecomers. Please ring school if there are any problems.** As we will be returning to school after lunchtime all of the children will need a packed lunch with them (No fizzy drinks or chocolate please). Children should wear school uniform for the trip with sensible shoes and a warm coat. The children will return to school in time for normal hometime.

### **Telephone Line Repairs**

Hurrah, we finally have our telephone line back in place. Thank you for your patience.

### **Snow Policy**

In view of the weather this week, please find the link to our current snow policy [HERE](#). Hopefully we will make it to the end of term without anymore!

## **Christmas Events**

Here are the details for all our events over the next week:

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Theatre Trip** See paragraph above.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Dress Rehearsal** Nativity play costumes will be provided by the school, but sometimes we request extras such as black tights or tops etc. Letters detailing this have been sent out this week. Please ensure that these extras are brought into school before Tuesday.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner Day** Thank you for completing the form to let us know if your child would like Christmas dinner. **Christmas Jumpers can be worn today along with normal school uniform.**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Play** at 1.30pm in St Hilda's Church, Egton. Refreshments will be served afterwards by the Friends of Egton School/Governors. Donations of mince pies would be gratefully received. Thank you.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Play** at 6.30pm in St Hilda's Church, Egton. Refreshments will be served afterwards by the Friends of Egton School/Governors. Donations of mince pies would be gratefully received. Thank you.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Crib Service** at St Hilda's Egton with St Hedda's RC Primary School, at 9.30am. Parents welcome, coffee will be served in school afterwards.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party and Party Lunch** – Children may come to school in their party clothes. However, please ensure your child has sensible footwear and a coat as we will be walking up to the village hall and playing games. Thank you for completing the form to let us know if your child would like Christmas Picnic lunch.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Break up for the holidays at 3.15pm**

### **Carols in St Hilda's Church - Friday 16th December**

St Hilda's Church are holding an evening of your favourite carols in St. Hilda's Church, Egton on Friday 16th December. This will begin at 6.30pm and will be followed by mulled wine, mince pies and treats for the children. All welcome.

### **Santa is visiting Egton & Egton Bridge!**

Santa will be going through Egton on his sleigh, on Saturday 24th December at 5.30pm. He will make a short stop outside The Witching Post before heading down to Egton bridge. In Egton Bridge Santa will go past The Horseshoe Hotel before heading towards Broom House, then back to the North Pole.

### **Christmas Cards - Last posting date 14th December**

We will once again have a Christmas post box in school for the children to post their Christmas cards. As in previous years, please do not place any additions such as sweets or small gifts in the cards. Thank you.

We understand that Christmas cards can be very costly so alternatively you may like to encourage your child to use our Charity card. There will be a charity card available for each class where, for a small donation, your child can write or stick a message to their classmates. Our Charity will be St Catherine's Hospice.

### **St Margaret's Church, Aislaby - Display of Nativity Scenes**

We are delighted to be taking part in the above event at St Margaret's Church in Aislaby. The children are going to be creating a Nativity Scene in school that will be included in the display at the church. The exhibition commences with a Carol service and blessing of the cribs on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm, and is open for viewing daily thereafter between 1.30-4.00pm up to and including Christmas Eve. Entrance is free and seasonal refreshments available throughout each afternoon. They would love to welcome any of our parents and children.

### **Friends of Egton School**

#### **Christmas Fair**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair, whether you donated, attended or were one of the team setting up and running it on the day! Every contribution was appreciated!

We raised the grand total of £746 for FOES funds. Well done everyone!

### **School Term Dates**

The list of term dates for the 2022/2023 academic year can be viewed [HERE](#).

### **Diary Dates**

Please note that our calendar can be found on the school website [HERE](#). This is updated regularly throughout the term.

<b>Swimming - Whole School</b>	Thursday 5th & 19th January, 2nd February
<b>Whole school trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough</b>	Monday 12th December, <b>leaving school at 8.30am prompt</b>
<b>Christmas Dinner</b>	Tuesday 13th December
<b>Afternoon Play Performance</b>	Wednesday 14th December
<b>Evening Play Performance</b>	Thursday 15th December
<b>Christmas Party Picnic Lunch</b>	Friday 16th December
<b>Break up for Christmas Holidays</b>	Friday 16th December at 3.15pm

Have a lovely weekend, next week I am in and out of both schools for all the Christmas events, please contact the school office if you wish to track me down!



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

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### **Ukraine Resources**

Obviously, the situation in the world has sadly changed over the last week or two. Some resources have been put out to enable school staff and families to support children with questions and discussions which you may find useful [HERE](#) [Speaking with Children about the War in Ukraine | Schools of Sanctuary](#), [Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#), and in the additional resource added to the email.

### **School Dinner Menu**

Please find attached our school dinner menu for this term. Please be aware that sometimes menus do need to change slightly depending on deliveries etc. The cost for dinners remains at £2.60 per meal/ £13.00 per week for the Junior Children. Children in the Infant Class receive free dinners as part of the government Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Please contact Mrs Harland in the school office to arrange payment if your child is in the Junior Class.

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](#). This form can also be found on our school website.

Just a reminder that on Fridays we have an alternative choice to fish so that both the fish lovers and the fish haters can enjoy a hot meal. This will alternate between sausages and pizza and we will make the children and parents aware the day before what option it is that week.

### **Healthy Snacks**

Please could we ask that children bring a 'healthy' snack into school for morning break, no sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. Infant children are provided with a piece of fruit but may also bring in their own snack if preferred.

### **NYCC 'Be Aware' Campaign - [New Link](#)**

North Yorkshire County Council have asked us to publicise information about their 'Be Aware' campaign. Please click on the link below to access the document.

### **[Be Aware Information](#)**

### **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.**

### **Tea Towels**

We still have a number of tea towels featuring the pupils' artwork for sale in school. They are priced at £5 for 1, £9 for 2 or £12 for 3. If you would like to purchase any of these please send money into the school office in a named envelope.

### **Contacting the teaching staff**

[l.tokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:l.tokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

[l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

[g.robertson@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:g.robertson@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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### **Recycle 4 Charity**

We have a recycling box set up in the school reception for printer ink cartridges. Please send your old cartridges into school and help us fill the box. Once full we will send it off and raise money for school. Please note this is for ink cartridges only **NOT** toner and laser cartridges.

### **Music Lessons**

If your child is interested in learning to play either piano, guitar, drums, voice, flute, harp, accordion, recorder, clarinet, saxophone, ukulele or penny whistle, Alex Lillie has places available. Please do contact Alex on 07837042246 or [alixhoste@hotmail.com](mailto:alixhoste@hotmail.com) to discuss.

### **Piano Lessons**

One of our music teachers, Shirley Smith, currently has places for more students to learn Piano. If your child is interested please contact the county music hub on 01609 532783 or by emailing [countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk). They will be able to give you more information about costs and how to book.

### **Free School Meal Eligibility**

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

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.

To qualify for free school meals you must fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month);
- Income Support;

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC); or
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit. Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

If you need any help or further clarification, please contact the school office.

### **Egton Village Hall**

Egton Village Hall is available to hire once again, for Parties and Events. The rates for hire are as follows:

- £10ph for hall only plus tea and coffee making facilities**
- £12ph for a buffet which doesn't require the use of the oven**
- £15ph for full use of the kitchen.**

All booking enquiries should be made by emailing [villagehallegton@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallegton@gmail.com). The bookings secretary will then get back to you.