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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had some real Christmassy treats this week with a trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre on Wednesday to see Beauty and the Beast and a Christmas Movie Night on Thursday after school. The theatre trip was brilliant and the children's behaviour and participation was fantastic. As we head into our last week at school for this term please do have a look at all our plans and timings for next week detailed below.

FOES Christmas Fair

A massive well done to the FOES team for organising such a fabulous Christmas Market last week. Together with the proceeds of the raffle we raised the phenomenal amount of £1,239.20 which I believe may be the highest total ever!

We are really grateful to everyone who contributed, organised and visited to make this evening such a success. Thank you.

Stocking Fillers Available!

If you are still on the hunt for some little Christmas gifts, our 150th Birthday merchandise was launched at our Christmas Market on Friday. Available in school: Mugs - £5 Pens - £2.50 Badges - £1



Christmas Week Arrangements

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

Tuesday 19th - Visit to Danby Village Hall to see Danby School's Christmas Play

We will be taking a trip to watch Danby's dress rehearsal leaving school at 1.00 pm and returning in time for the end of the school day. Normal School Uniform.

Wednesday 20th - Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Jumpers can be worn today along with normal school uniform. If your child usually has packed lunch and would like to have a school Christmas Dinner please do let us know. Thank you.

Thursday 21st - 🎅 Santa Claus visiting Egton 5.30pm- Prior to our Christmas Service, the big man 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! **Refreshments** will then be available from the Friends of

Egton School in the church for everyone prior to the school carols and nativity. So why not wander down and have a warm cuppa before the service.

Thursday 21st - Christmas Carol Service at 6.30pm in St Hilda's Church, Egton.

Refreshments will be served by the Friends of Egton School/Governors. Donations of mince pies would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Friday 22nd - 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. If your child usually has packed lunch and would like to have a school party lunch please do let us know. Thank you.

Friday 22nd - Break up for the holidays at 3.30pm

School Christmas Cards - Last posting date Thursday 21st 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.

Calling all past pupils, staff and governors!

In preparation for our 150 year anniversary celebrations this year, we are collecting copies of any photographs and memorabilia for an event later in the year. We would also be interested to receive any documented memories or recollections of times past related to school events. Please do get in touch with us if you have something of interest to share. Thank you.

FEAST Vouchers

We have been asked to share the following information with you...

Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities this Christmas

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children 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 across North Yorkshire.

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.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, visit the website.

FREE Music Lessons

We continue to have music lessons provided by the County Music Service at School. Currently, there is an offer of 30% discount for piano lessons - see their website for details. If your child receives Free School Meals, they are eligible for FREE piano lessons. To find out more, please view their website www.northyorkshireremusicclub.co.uk or pick up a leaflet in school. To view the offers, please click [HERE](#)

School Term Dates

The list of term dates for the 2023/2024 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.

Forest School	There is no Forest School next week as we will be practising for the evening.
Visit to Danby's Dress Rehearsal	19/12 1pm
School Christmas Dinner	20/12
Nativity Carol Service - St Hilda's church Egton	21/12 at 6.30pm
School Christmas Party	22/12

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

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.**

Recycle4Charity

Recycle4Charity is an organisation set up to receive used ink cartridges. This, in turn supplies an income to charities & organisations who sign up to it. We have a ‘used ink cartridges’ box in school. Feel free to bring in your used ink cartridges to fill our box and earn some money for School! For more information about ‘Recycle4charity’, please use the link below.

<https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/AboutUs>

Contacting the teaching staff

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l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

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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

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. The bookings secretary will then get back to you.