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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful two weeks. We have got this term off to a flying start this week and are looking forward to lots of activities and events this term starting next week when we are looking forward to a visit from the new Bishop of Whitby, The Right Reverend Barry Hill.

Congratulations Gary!

We are delighted to congratulate Gary Martucci, our lovely cleaner and caretaker on reaching the semi-finals of the North Yorkshire Cleaning and Caretaking Awards. We nominated him for the awards last term as we wished to acknowledge all that he does for us, he always goes above and beyond. We wish him the best of luck for the next stage.

Spring Stay and Play Sessions for Prospective Parents and Children

Do you know any youngsters who are going to be school ready in the next year or so?

Our stay and play dates for this term are:

Friday 7th March 2.00pm-3.00pm (Book Fair available to visit from 3pm)
Tuesday 25th March 9.30am-10.30am

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.

Tax Free Childcare

As per the government funding for tax free childcare for preschool children, did you know you can pay for Breakfast & After School Clubs. Take a look [here](#) to check eligibility and sign up if you haven't already.

FREE NHS Speech and Language Therapy training

*The Children's Speech and Language Therapy department across York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust have set dates for this term for all of their *FREE* training sessions:*

- *Stammering workshop Tuesday 28 January 2025, 3.45pm to 5.15pm or Tuesday 29 April 2025, 3.45pm to 5.15pm*
- *Speech sound development workshop Wednesday 26 March 2025, 10.30am to 12.00pm*
- *Supporting children who are picky eaters or avoidant/restrictive Tuesday 18 March 2025, 1.00pm to 2.30pm*
- *Supporting children with selective mutism Wednesday 29 January 2025, 3.30pm to 5.00pm (for professionals supporting secondary-aged children) or Tuesday 4 March 2025, 3.30pm to 5.00pm (for professionals supporting primary-aged children)*
- *Supporting children to eat and drink safely Tuesday 25 March 2025, 3.30pm to 5.00pm*

- Supporting children with early communication skills Thursday 27 March 2025, 3.45pm to 5.00pm or Thursday 24 April 2025, 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- Supporting children with social communication differences following a neuro-affirmative approach Tuesday 25 February 2025, 9.30am to 12.00pm
- Supporting children with language difficulties in the classroom Tuesday 14 January 2025, 3.45pm to 5.15pm

Further information about how to book onto these sessions can be found [here](#)

Information from NHS - Emotional Health and Wellbeing

We have been asked to share the following link with you from the North Yorkshire Children and Families Service:

[Emotional health and wellbeing for parents](#)

School Term Dates

The list of term dates for the academic year 2024/2025 can be found [HERE](#).

School Dinner Menu

Please find attached the Winter/Spring menu 24/25 [HERE](#). Spring / Summer Term Menu which takes effect after February half term is [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](#).

Diary Dates

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

Swimming Dates	16/01, 30/01, 13/02	Alternate Thursday afternoons
Infant Thursday Forest School Dates	23/01, 27/02	
Junior Thursday Forest School Dates	06/02, 13/03	
Spring Stay and Play Dates	Friday 7 th March Tuesday 25 th March	2.00pm-3.00pm 9.30am-10.30am
Half Term	17th-21st February 2025	
Break up for Easter	Friday 4th April 2025	3.30pm
Return to School	Tuesday 22nd April 2025	09.00am

Next week, I will be at Egton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Danby on Tuesday and Thursday. Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

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. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.

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.

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...

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.

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://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](#)