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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week this week from enjoying a special Pancake lunch on Monday to ending with Children's Mental Health week afternoon (and tuck shop) today. All week we have been focussing on raising the profile of Children's Mental Health Week and working with the children to give them top tips and strategies. Thank you to Mrs Mortimer for organising this as our School Mental Health Lead.

Y1/2 Gymnastics

Last Friday, our Year 1 and 2 children had a fantastic time at Whitby School enjoying their gymnastics session. They worked hard, whilst having lots of fun practising a range of skills including forward rolls, handstands, vaults and balancing. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they challenged themselves and supported each other. Well done, everyone - amazing effort and big smiles all round!

New School Dinner Menu

Please click [HERE](#) for the new Spring/Summer Term menu which will be delivered after half term. 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](#).

Parent Drop In Sessions - SEND

If you would like to learn more about how we support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in our Federation or would like to have the chance to chat with other parents, we are holding a couple of informal parent drop-in sessions detailed below. Come and have a cuppa and a chat and share your thoughts with us about our SEND provision at whichever session or school is convenient for you.

Danby	Thurs 5th March 9-10am	and/or	Wed 11th March 3.30pm-4.30pm
Egton	Thurs 26th February 9-10am	and/or	Wed 18th March 3.30pm-4.30pm

FOES NEWS

❖ Save The Date - Next Meeting - Thursday 26th February

Esk Valley Trainline Disruption

Please note, if you have not already been made aware, the Esk Valley railway line will be closed for 5 days for the week commencing 23rd February 2026. No trains will run at all that week and the local authority have made alternative transport arrangements for pupils affected from Lealholm, Glaisdale, Egton and Grosmont to and from school for the duration. Normal service is scheduled to resume week commencing 2nd March 2026 therefore it is unclear if it will reopen at the weekend or not.

Swimming

Please note we are swimming on the first Thursday back after half term, so please ensure everyone has their usual kits. Thank you.

Road Safety Message

We have been asked to share some information with you from North Yorkshire Police about Road Safety in Whitby concerning E-bikes:

"E-bikes" are becoming increasingly popular with young people in Whitby and across the coast command—but not all e-bikes are legal. That's why Whitby Neighbourhood Policing Team recently had an illegal e-bike removed from a child before the child, or someone else, was seriously hurt.

Many e-bikes sold online or in UK shops do not meet UK road legal standards. Understanding the rules, however, can be confusing, with factors such as power output, age limits, top speed and modifications all coming into play. To make matters more complicated, some e-bikes which are not road legal are sold alongside pedal cycles and toys in big-brand stores. So where do you start?

A helpful first step is to look at the pedals. In simple terms, if the bike has pedals that rotate and actually propel the bike, it is more likely to be road legal (but not always!) for riders aged 14+ and classed as an Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC). However, even these can be modified, making them unsafe and unlawful.

If your child is riding an e-bike without pedals that propel it, it is far more likely to be illegal on UK roads and classed as a "Motor Vehicle" — like a car or moped. This means that in the event of a collision, for example, your child may be treated as if they were driving a motor vehicle and could face committing serious offences such as dangerous driving. Alongside this, they could face penalties for:

- *Riding without insurance*
- *Riding without a driving licence*
- *Speeding and other Road Traffic Act offences*

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 last stay and play session for this term is:

★ Monday 16th March 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 and for children who will be joining us in the future. 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 2025-2026 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 Every Other Thursday	26th Feb, 12th & 26th March
Forest School Juniors	19th March
Forest School Infants	5th March
Half Term	14th - 22nd February
World Book Day	Friday 5th March
Stay and play Session	Monday 16th March 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Mothering Sunday on a Monday Service	Monday 16th March 9.15am St Hilda's Egton
Comic Relief Day	Friday 20th March
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 24th March Thursday 26th March
Easter Service	Thursday 26th March 9.15am St Hilda's Egton
Easter Holidays	Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
Teacher Training Day	Monday 13th April - school closed to pupils
Children return to school	Tuesday 14th April

After half term, I will be at Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Egton on Tuesday and Thursday.

Have a lovely half term, hopefully with some sunshine!

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).

Smart Watches, Apple AirTag and other such devices - information

We have been asked by North Yorkshire Council to let parents/carers know that children are not permitted to wear or have in pockets/bags etc, Smart Watches, Apple AirTag and such devices under any circumstances either in school or on school trips. This is inline with safeguarding policy. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Tax Free Childcare - Reminder

Egton School has registered to enable you to have access to Tax Free Childcare for wraparound care at school. Our wraparound service covers both Breakfast Club and After School Club as they are chargeable. For more information on how this works, please use the link below. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you plan to pay for your childcare this way so we can keep an eye out for payments.

[Tax-Free Childcare](#)

My Happy Mind

Just a reminder that you are able to access the [Parent App](#).

The children's engagement in our My Happy Mind project has been a huge success in school so far. Accessing the Parent App would help to reinforce the strategies taught in school at home and strengthen the positive habits that we are trying to encourage in our children.

 **Your unique authentication code is: 121610 for Egton CofE VA Primary**

DfE Guidance on reducing the spread of illnesses this winter

The DfE have asked that the following link is shared with parents as new guidance has been issued:

Please see the NHS Guidance '[Is my child too ill for school?](#)' Pupils shouldn't miss school on a precautionary basis and can normally attend with a mild cough or cold, unless they have a fever or diarrhoea or vomiting.

Growing Healthy Information from HDFT

Please find information about an app designed both for professionals and families, by Harrogate District Foundation Trust [HDFT] who deliver the Healthy Child programme. This covers the whole county and has a map of services/groups etc for families to access in their area, including contact details and opening hours etc, as well as child development info for parents, referral forms for wellbeing advice for older CYP etc

[Download Our App | HDFT Children's Health Service](#)

Free Inclusion courses for parents

We have been asked to share with you the following link to courses designed to support parents and carers of children with Autism, SEMH, and ADHD. Link [HERE](#).

- These courses are an opportunity to find out more and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.
- Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.
- For multi-day courses parents must attend all days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

Spaces fill-up fast so please share with your parents and carer networks and encourage early booking to avoid missing out!

Adverse weather conditions

Just a reminder of our school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions. We are also asking that everyone completes a 'Safe place' form so that we have an alternative place logged for your child to go to should the school need to close during the school day. Please complete this form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

[Link to safe alternative place for your child](#)

[Link to the school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions](#)

ParentPay Hints & Tips

If you would like to pay for all payment items together rather than individually, there is an option to pay for everything at once! Simply go into each payment item [on one or more children] and click 'Add to Basket' at the bottom of the screen. When everything is in the basket, click on the basket icon and pay for everything under one transaction.

Free School Meal Eligibility

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. 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](#).

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

l.hall@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.