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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,



Happy Valentines Day everyone, just the day to share some lovely news with you all to round off this half term! We are delighted to announce that Mrs Thompson is expecting her first baby and we are all looking forward to meeting baby Thompson in August. We have shared this exciting news with the children this afternoon in a special collective worship.



Forest School

Please note that on the first Thursday back [27th] it will be the Infants turn for Forest School. On the same afternoon, the Y3/4 children will be participating in the gymnastics session which we emailed parents about earlier this week.

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 .

FOES

Here are some dates to save, further information to follow:

- ❖ **World Book Day Wonka Bar Event** - Friday 7th March
- ❖ **Non-Uniform Day for Easter Bingo Tombola Prizes** - Friday 28th March
- ❖ **Easter Bingo Night** - Thursday 3rd April 5.30pm
- ❖ **Easter Tuck Shop** - Friday 4th April 3.30pm
- ❖ **Uniform Swap Shop** - Friday 4th April 3.30pm

If you have clean, good quality uniform that is now too small, why not bring it along to one of our uniform swap shops and have a restock at the same time. This will be taking place at the end of every half term and is a new venture for FOEs which we hope will be well supported and beneficial!

Bags to School

Thursday 24th April 

Thursday 16th October 

We will remind you nearer the time too but thought an early notice would mean you can plan that all important spring clean!! Please see a letter attached [here](#) with further details about the collection.

School Term Dates

The list of term dates for the academic year 2024/2025 can be found [HERE](#) and 2025-2026 can be found [HERE](#).

School Dinner Menu

A reminder that the school dinner menu changes after half term and will run for the rest of the Spring Term and the whole of the Summer Term. Please click [HERE](#) for the new menu. 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	6th, 20th March 3rd April	Alternate Thursday afternoons
Infant Thursday Forest School Dates	27th Feb, 27th March	Every fourth Thursday afternoon
Junior Thursday Forest School Dates	13th March	Every fourth Thursday afternoon
Half Term	17th-21st February 2025	
World Book Day Wonka Bar Event	Friday 7th March	During school day
Spring Stay and Play Dates	Friday 7 th March Tuesday 25 th March	2.00pm-3.00pm 9.30am-10.30am
Non-Uniform Day For Easter Bingo Tombola Prizes	Friday 28th March	
Easter Bingo Night	Thursday 3rd April	5.30pm
Easter Tuck Shop	Friday 4th April	3.30-3.45pm
Uniform Swap Shop	Friday 4th April	3.30-3.45pm
Break up for Easter	Friday 4th April 2025	3.30pm
Bags2School	Thursday 24th April	09.00am
Training Day	Tuesday 22nd April 2025	
Children return to school	Wednesday 23rd April	09.00am

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

Have a lovely half term, let's hope the weather cheers up!

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).

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.

Adverse weather conditions

Just a reminder that last week we sent out 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](#)

Tax Free Childcare

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](#)

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

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

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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.