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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remembrance Worship

We had a very special service in church on Remembrance Day. We listened to the names being read from the church war memorial and held a two minute silence. Eleanor, as the oldest child in the school, then rang the church bell 11 times as a mark of respect. Thank you to Rev. Anthony for leading this service.

Children in Need

Well done to Year 6 who organised a fabulous Children in Need afternoon today. We have done a mixture of activities including making Pudsey face masks, Pudsey Treasure Hunt followed by an obstacle course, Musical Statues and 'Pin the patch on the Pudsey' this afternoon. Thank you to everyone who has donated. If you'd like to contribute and haven't yet, you can do so via the payment item in ParentPay. We have raised a whopping £81.85 today!! Thank you for your generosity!



KS2 Rugby

KS2 enjoyed the first of a series of three Rugby coaching sessions courtesy of Whitby Rugby Club on Monday. Thanks to Naomi who led the session, we are looking forward to our next two sessions.

Stay and Play Sessions for Prospective Parents and Children

We had another successful Stay and Play session on Thursday morning and are looking forward to welcoming our new starters next September. Watch out for our Spring Term dates!

Forest School

Please note it is Infants' turn for Forest School next Thursday. Please ensure they have their waterproofs, wellies, coats, hats and gloves as the weather is changeable.

Flu Vaccinations

Please be reminded to complete the Flu Immunisation form as to whether you consent or not to your child receiving the flu vaccine. Further details are attached to the email. You can complete the form [HERE](#).

Caretaker Vacancy

Our wonderful Caretaker Gary will be retiring at the end of the year. Therefore, a position will become available to take effect from 31st January 2026. If you know anyone who would be interested in the position, please do send them the link [HERE](#).

Letter to Santa Competition

The National Literacy Trust on the Yorkshire Coast is inviting children to participate in their 'Letter to Santa' prize draw. The competition is a wonderful way to encourage creative writing and have some festive fun at home. Plus, your child could win a fantastic prize : an Amazon Voucher and a book bundle!

How to Enter the Prize Draw:

Write the Letter: Help your child write their letter to Santa. They can include all their Christmas wishes and maybe even explain why they deserve to be on the nice list this year!

For one entry, email your child's letter by Sunday 21st December (as an attachment or photo) to: northyorkshirecoast@literacytrust.org.uk To double your child's chances, share a photo of the letter (or your child holding it) on Facebook. Make sure to tag the National Literacy Trust Yorkshire Coast, so they can see your entry!

Looking for inspiration? Join the National Literacy Trust on the Yorkshire Coast at Boyes' Christmas Grotto opening in Scarborough on Saturday 15 November to grab a free copy of 'A Letter to Santa' by Ned Taylor.

Christmas Craft Fair and Santa Visit at Danby Lodge Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 November

Please see below, information we have been asked to share with you:

Join us at Danby Lodge and be inspired for Christmas with a range of stalls selling handmade craft and produce. Support independent small businesses whilst buying a unique Christmas gift.

Exciting news... We've had a tip off that Father Christmas will be by his sleigh for the day. He'd love to meet your little ones and hear all about their Christmas wish list. Photo opportunities will be aplenty and you'll go home with a special gift as well. Just £2 per child, payable at the front desk on arrival. No booking necessary.

More details about Christmas Events at Danby Lodge can be found [HERE](#).

FOES News and Activities

NOW COLLECTING HAMPER AND TOMBOLA GOODIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Donations may be brought in to school or popped in the collection box at the front door.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent meeting for Christmas Fair and Events planning. Please see and complete their form [HERE](#) to let the FOES team know if you are able to help with preparations for the FOES Christmas Fair. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Next meeting - Tuesday 18th November at 9.00am - do come and join us for a coffee!

Christmas Fair - Friday 5th December 3.30pm in school

Raffle Ticket Draw - Monday 8th December

School Term Dates

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

School Dinner Menu

Please click [HERE](#) for the Autumn Term 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 - whole school	27/11 11/12
Forest School Infants	20/11, 18/12
Forest School Juniors	04/12
Flu Vaccinations	21st November
Individual School Photos	2nd December
Christingle Service	4th December 5.30pm for 6pm start St Matthews, Grosmont
Christmas Theatre Trip	8th December
Christmas play performances	16th December 2pm 17th December 6pm for 6.30pm
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Teacher Training Day	Monday 5th January 2026
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th January 2026

Next week, I will be at Danby on Wednesday and Friday and Egton on Monday, Tuesday morning and Thursday. I am in York on Tuesday afternoon, please contact the school office if urgent.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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!

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.