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### Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, we have packed such a lot into this week from rocket launches to reading breakfasts and ending with a hilarious day 'doing something funny for money' fundraising for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who supported. So far, we have raised £57.50 in cash, thank you for your donations!



**FRIDAY 20 MARCH**

### Parents evenings

This term's parents evenings are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 24th March between 3.40pm and 6.00pm and Thursday 26th March between 3.40pm and 5.00pm.

To make an appointment with your child's teacher, please [click here to take you to the online booking form](#). Please note that once this has been completed, appointments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and will be confirmed by email. Thank you.

### Easter Service - Thursday

Join us for our Easter Service on Thursday 26th March at 9.15am, St Hilda's church Egton, followed by a cuppa!

### Easter Bingo - Thursday

If you haven't signed up for Easter Bingo on Thursday next week please do by Monday 23rd March via [this link](#).

### Easter Tuck Shop - Friday

There will be a FOES Easter Tuck shop in the junior classroom on Friday afternoon starting from 3pm.

### Mothering Sunday on a Monday!

It was lovely to see so many join us for our Mothering Sunday Service this week. A huge well done to the children for some amazing singing and reading, and for making such lovely little gifts and cards.

### Stay and Play

We had a great time with some little visitors on Monday. Watch out for our New Starter Taster Day dates for next term, coming soon!

### **Federation Science Day**

A huge thank you to the Danby School team for organising our Science week day this year. It was truly amazing!

Nick Corston from STEAMCo ran an 'Our Rocket Kids' event for children from both Egton and Danby Schools. The children were split into two groups by Key Stage and one group stayed in Danby School whilst the other went to Danby Village Hall to do lots of fun science based learning and then they swapped round at lunchtime.

The session in school began with an inspiring and engaging assembly with lots of interactive elements included. The children then made their own paper air rockets and finished off with a real rocket launch in the playground! It was a very exciting and rewarding day for everyone and we would like to pass on our thanks to Nick for his enthusiasm and knowledge. All children from the age of 4 to 11 were engaged throughout the entire session and loved every minute.

At the village hall, the infants explored the exciting themes of space and materials through a range of fun, hands-on activities. The children enjoyed baking delicious "moon rock" cakes, creating imaginative aliens out of clay, and designing their own telescopes using a variety of materials. To inspire our learning, we shared the stories Look Up! and Aliens Love Underpants, which sparked curiosity, creativity, and lots of fun!

Junior children completed an 'Expanding Universe Balloon Experiment' where they used vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to blow up a balloon and demonstrate Edwin Hubble's scientific discovery that the universe is expanding. This was great fun and the children were amazed at how this worked! They then used their knowledge of forces to create Mars Rovers, demonstrating skills of perseverance and teamwork. Well done everyone!

Thank you to our two school cooks and Danby dinner staff who expertly managed a two sitting lunchtime and served a delicious space themed lunch!



What an amazing picture! A huge thank you to Nick at STEAMCO!

### **Breakfast Reading Café**

We hope that you enjoyed our Breakfast Reading Cafe this week. It was great to see so many of you there helping us to celebrate the National Year of Reading.

### **Y3/4 Peat Rigg Residential**

Just a reminder to please return completed consent forms and any medication forms to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **ParentPay Balances**

As we approach the end of the financial year, it would be greatly appreciated if you could keep your ParentPay balances clear. Please be reminded that Egton School has registered to enable you to have access to Tax Free Childcare for wraparound care at school [covering both Breakfast Club and After School Club] which can pay 20% of your childcare costs. 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](#)

### **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](#).

### **FOES NEWS**

Dates for your diaries of events coming up:

- ❖ Easter Bingo - Thursday 26th March - Egton Village Hall 5.30pm - **poster attached to this email - please share with family and friends who may wish to attend**

### **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.

<b>Swimming Every Other Thursday</b>	26th March
<b>Forest School Juniors</b>	After Easter
<b>Forest School Infants</b>	After Easter
<b>Parent Consultations</b>	Tuesday 24th March Thursday 26th March
<b>Easter Service</b>	Thursday 26th March 9.15am St Hilda's Egton
<b>FOES Easter Bingo</b>	Thursday 26th March Egton Village Hall
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	Monday 13th April - school closed to pupils

<b>Children return to school</b>	Tuesday 14th April
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Next week, I will be at Egton on Monday, Tuesday (*for Parent Consultations only*), Wednesday morning and Thursday. I will be at Danby on Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon and Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

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### **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](http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child)).

### **Mobile Phones, Smart Watches and Devices**

Mobile phone and smart watch technology has advanced significantly over the last few years and continues to evolve. Many phones and smart watches now offer internet and e-mail access, alongside standard functions of messaging, tracking, camera, video and sound recording. We are also seeing an increase in Smartwatch 'look-alikes' which have games and activities on which are proving a distraction to learning and are time consuming for teaching staff to monitor.

**Smartwatches and Smart-Watch lookalikes** are therefore **not permitted** to be worn to school in line with the recent change in Government guidelines.

However, in line with our passion for helping children to tell the time, a standard analogue or digital wrist watch may be worn. If you are unsure whether your child's watch is appropriate, you are welcome to check in with a member of staff.

Smart Watches and devices that are brought to school for any reason will be kept safely until the end of the school day.

For a reminder of our school uniform please see our website page [here](#)

### **Dinners and Breakfast and After School Clubs**

Just a reminder of our costs this term.



## **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**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.