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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Chinese New Year

This week, the children have been celebrating Chinese New Year. A special worship session was held where they learned about the cultures and traditions surrounding Chinese New Year and discussed its significance. They were treated to some fortune cookies and made a dragon by hand printing colours onto the head and body.

Valentines Lunch Menu:

On Thursday 14th February we are having a special 'Valentines lunch'. This will be pizza baguette with chips & salad followed by a love heart biscuit. If your child would like to have lunch that day, please ask them to let their class teacher know in the morning when dinner registers are taken. School dinners cost £2.80 and are charged directly to your child's ParentPay account. Thank you.

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](#)

Recycling Heroes we need you!!

On 12th February, our Year 1/2s will be creating "junk model vehicles" in DT and we therefore need small boxes, bottle tops, cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls), yoghurt pots, etc. If you have any you can spare, they would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Junior Forest School - change of date

Please note the next Junior Forest School session will take place **on Friday 7th February** instead of Thursday 6th February.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday 4th February 3.30pm in school. Do come along and join us for a cuppa. Children are welcome in school.

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

- ❖ **Valentines Tuck Shop** - Friday 14th February 3.30pm
- ❖ **Uniform Swap Shop** - Friday 14th February 3.30pm
- ❖ **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](#).

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	13/02	Alternate Thursday afternoons
Infant Thursday Forest School Dates	27/02	Every fourth Thursday afternoon
Junior Thursday Forest School Dates	Friday 07/02 , 13/03	Every fourth Thursday afternoon
FOES' Valentines Tuck Shop	Friday 14th February	3.30pm-3.45pm

Uniform Swap Shop	Friday 14th February	3.30pm-4.00pm
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

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

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](#)

Healthy Snacks

Children may bring a 'healthy' snack into school for morning break, no crisps, cake or chocolate please. Fruit will also be available for any child that would like some.

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](#).

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](#)