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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, we have a mammoth newsletter for you this week!! We thought it would be useful to give you the details of all our events for the next couple of weeks as we enter into the spirit of Christmas!

FOES Christmas Fair

What a brilliant turn out at our fair last Friday. Thank you to everyone who set up, helped and supported in so many different ways and thank you to our lovely stall holders. The total raised was an amazing £657.55!



FOES Christmas Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Raffle this year whether you donated, packed hampers or sold tickets. The raffle was drawn with the children on Monday afternoon and all winners have been contacted. The raffle made a whopping £552.45!



Christingle Service

What a lovely Christingle Service we had last night at St Matthews Grosmont. The service included some amazing refreshments and wonderful crafting activities and was led in the style of Cafe church. The children all received a Christingle orange that had been made in school. Thank you to the Grosmont team who put this special evening together.



School Photographs

The school photograph proofs have been sent home this week. If you would like to order any prints, please complete the form inside the pouch making sure you write your child's name on the order form and return to school together with full payment, **no later than next Wednesday, 11th December**. These orders are guaranteed to be fulfilled and back to school before the end of term.



Christmas Activities:

Here are the details for all our events over the next two weeks:



Tuesday 10th December - Christmas Theatre Trip

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 10th December, the whole school is going to Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough to watch this year's Christmas performance of 'Aladdin'. The cost for the tickets is being funded by FOES and we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the coach of £3.50 per child. This may be paid via your child's ParentPay account. We will have an early start leaving school at 8.30am - please can all children be at school no later than 08:20 to ensure a prompt departure. We regret that we will not be able to delay leaving if there are any latecomers. The show will finish at approximately 12.00pm and we will leave the theatre at approximately 1.00pm after we have had our packed lunches. Children should wear school uniform for the trip, packed lunches required. Thank you.

Wednesday 11th December - Film Night

On Wednesday next week, the Friends of Egton School will be holding a Christmas movie night 3.30-5.30pm. The film of choice is The Boss Baby Christmas [U] for infants and Home Alone 2 [PG] for juniors. The cost of film night is £3 per child which will include juice, hot chocolate, popcorn, hotdog and chips and ice cream or a cake. Payment can be made by card, cash or ParentPay to FOES. Please book via this [google form](#) by Tuesday 3rd December. Thank you.

Thursday 12th December - Year 6 Lunch

We will be taking Y6 out for a community lunch and a Christmas wreath making workshop at Vi's Cafe, Grosmont. Leaving school at 11.30am and returning approx. 1.30pm. Additional expenses over and above our normal lunch cost will be covered by the school.

Friday 13th December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December, so the children may wear their favourite Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper. Other uniform garments are still to be worn. Donations are welcome for Save the Children to help kids in the UK and around the world get the best future ever. There's more to Christmas Jumper Day than wearing a silly jumper. You'll be helping children facing serious issues like war, hunger and poverty. And this year, with so many children having a really tough time, getting involved matters more than ever. Thank you.

Monday 16th December - Dress Rehearsal

We will be having our dress rehearsal in church on Monday 16th December. Please make sure all costumes are in school by Friday 13th December. Thank you.

Tuesday 17th December - Afternoon Nativity Performance

Our afternoon performance will begin at 1.30pm in St Hilda's Church, Egton. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Jumpers can be worn today along with normal school uniform. If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to have a school Christmas Dinner please do let us know. Thank you.

Wednesday 18th December - Evening Nativity Performance

Please could children arrive at Church between 5.30pm and 5.45pm. Our evening performance will begin at 6.00pm in St Hilda's Church, Egton. Refreshments will be served following the

performance.

Thursday 19th December - School Christmas Cards - Last Posting Date

We will once again have a Christmas post box in school for the children if they wish to send cards to their friends. As in previous years, please do not place any additions such as sweets or small gifts in the cards. Thank you.

Friday 20th December - Christmas Party and Party Lunch – Children may come to school in their party clothes. However, please ensure your child has sensible footwear and a coat as we will be walking up to the village hall and playing games. If we have been good there may be a special visitor too! If your child usually has packed lunch and would like to have a school party lunch please do let us know. Thank you.

Friday 20th December - Break up for the holidays at 3.30pm



Lost & Found

Please can you check you haven't gained a size one pair of black girls shoes with a buckle in error as they were lost following the last forest school session. Thank you.
We still also have unclaimed reading glasses and a black pair of goggles. If you are missing these, please get in touch.

VACANCY - Mid-day Supervisor

We are currently advertising for a Mid-day Supervisor to start after Christmas. For further information please click [HERE](#). Thank you.

Festive Support - Early Help

Please see below information which we have been asked to share with you regarding Festive Support from the organisation, Early Help:

Emotional and Mental Health

The holiday season can be a challenging time for mental and emotional health. Here are some valuable resources to support both adults and children during Christmas:

For Adults

- ★ **Mind:** Mind offers tips and advice on coping with the holiday season, including managing stress, dealing with loneliness, and maintaining mental well-being. [Christmas and Mental Health](#)
- ★ **Samaritans:** Provides 24/7 support for anyone struggling to cope. They offer a safe space to talk about whatever is troubling you. Call 116 123 or visit [Contact Us | Samaritans](#)
- ★ **NHS:** The NHS offers advice on managing mental health during the holidays, including tips on dealing with stress and where to find support. [NHS Mental Health Support](#)

For Children

- ★ **The Go-To - Emotional wellbeing and mental health** website is the home of wellbeing and mental health for young people in North Yorkshire and provides a wealth of information and practical advice for children, young people, their carers and professionals.
- ★ **YoungMinds:** Offers advice on supporting children and young people with their mental health, including how to handle anxiety around Christmas. [Helping Your Child with Anxiety at Christmas](#)
- ★ **The Children's Society:** Provides tips for managing children's mental health during the festive season, including maintaining routines and understanding their needs. [Supporting Children's Mental Health at Christmas](#)
- ★ **Childline:** Offers free, confidential support for children and young people. They provide a safe space to talk about any worries or concerns. Call 0800 1111 or visit Childline - [Childline](#)
- ★ **Kooth** is a free, safe and anonymous online wellbeing service for children and young people. The Kooth team provide free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling. The whole team are made up of friendly and experienced individuals and are a BACP accredited service. [Kooth](#)

★ **Shout!** is the UK's first and only 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis. Get free, confidential mental health support anytime, anywhere. Text 'Shout' to 85258. [Shout](#)

FEAST

On previous newsletters and emails, you will have seen details for FEAST [Food. Entertainment. Arts. Sport. Together.] activities for children during school holidays. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people. To look at the selection of free holiday activities nearby over the Christmas holidays, please take a look [HERE](#). The events on the website go live on Monday 25th November 2024.

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children/young people are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area. If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

 **Santa Claus is coming to town... 19th December at 5.30pm** 

We have heard that once again, the big man himself will be making his way up the village, with a quick trip around Little Betty before coming back into the top of Egton for a quick stop at The Witching Post. He will then head down to Egton Bridge towards The Horseshoe Hotel, then along Broom House Lane before he heads back to the North Pole to get ready for the big day!

School Term Dates

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

School Dinner Menu

The Autumn Term Menu 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	19/12
Infants Thursday Forest School Dates	12/12
Junior Thursday Forest School Dates	09/01
Christmas Trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre	Tuesday 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13th December 2024
Christmas Play	Tuesday 17th December 1.30pm Wednesday 18th December 6.00pm
Santa Claus is Coming to Town	Thursday 19th December 5:30pm
Children's Christmas Party	Friday 20th December 1.30pm
Last Day of Term	Friday 20th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January
Staff training day	Monday 6th January 2025

Children return to school	Tuesday 7th January
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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

Well done to everyone who braved the weather conditions this week! 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](#)

School Dinner Menu

Please find the Autumn Term school menu [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](#).

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.

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://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](#)