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Friday 24th January 2020,

Dear Parents & Carers,

Staffing News

After 36 years at the front desk we are sad to announce that Mrs Coldbeck will be retiring from her post of Primary Administrator at the end of this term. She will be very much missed from our school family but we wish her lots of lovely lunches and afternoon teas! We will be having a very special afternoon tea party with the children to say farewell at the end of term.

Mrs Webster has also sadly announced that she will be taking an opportunity for early retirement at the end of the academic year in July. Mrs Webster has also been a much valued member of our school family for over 20 years. The Governing Body will be recruiting for a replacement teacher around Easter time and we will keep you updated on our progress nearer the time.

Friends of Egton School Meeting

The next meeting is on Monday 27th January at 3.30pm in school. Do come along and join us for a cuppa and help to plan the events for this term. Children are welcome to remain in school whilst their parents attend the meeting.

Y3/4 Peat Rigg Parent Meeting

A meeting has been arranged on Thursday 27th February at 4pm for the parents of Year 3 and 4 children who will be attending Peat Rigg in April for those who would like to attend. This is an information meeting led by Ian Thorpe from Peat Rigg.

Easter Bags – Knitting Request

If anyone is able to knit and has some spare time, we would appreciate 2 donkeys, approximately 4” in size and 2 grown up Jesus figures, approximately 6” in size for our Easter Bags. If you think you or any of your family or friends would be willing to help, please let us know. Thank you in advance!

Flu Clinic – Whitby

If your child missed having their flu vaccination in school at the end of last year, the childhood immunisation team will be running a drop in flu clinic at Whitby children's centre on 31st January from 3.00pm until 5.00pm.

Parking and Traffic

Please ensure that you park responsibly and safely, keeping neighbouring driveways and the yellow zig zags clear, when picking up and dropping off. Whilst Reverend Paul is happy for you to use the church yard at drop off and pick up times, please do be aware that the ground around church is very wet so please do not drive on the grass. Thank you.

Safer Internet Day 2020

Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day 2020. According to National Online Safety, 52% of children aged 3 – 4 go online for nearly 9 hours a week and 99% of children aged 12 – 15 go online for nearly 20.5 hours a week, making keeping children safe online ever more critical. We have put some information for both children and parents on our website under the E-safety heading in our Information and Newsletters section. Please do take some time to read the information and share the "leaflet for children" with your child. We will be talking to the children in school as well and educating them on how to be safe on the internet.

Therapy Dogs Nationwide

We are delighted to inform you that we have registered for the Paws & Read programme, through Therapy Dogs Nationwide, which is designed to give pupils opportunities to increase their confidence of, and enjoyment in reading. Over time all children will have the opportunity of reading to a Therapy Dogs Nationwide registered dog, under the close supervision of the TDN volunteer and a member of the school staff. These dogs are specially temperament assessed dogs who normally visit in hospitals, hospices, care homes etc. The dogs will remain on lead and under full control of the TDN volunteer at all times. We are looking forward to welcoming Myszka to Egton School next week on Thursday.

TRAIN TO TEACH EVENT - STEPHEN JOSEPH THEATRE SCARBOROUGH

Join us on Saturday 8th February 10AM - 12.30PM to find out more about training to teach in schools in our local area.

We will be joined by a variety of providers from around the region offering advice and information regarding a career in teaching.

If schools could promote this event to families and colleagues who may be interested in a career in teaching, we would be very grateful.

More information can be found at <http://www.eskvalleyteachingalliance.co.uk/what-we-do/initial-teacher-training-itt/> or contact Sharon Markham 07975 297780.

Activities and Events taken part in:

- Collective Worship with Reader Jane
- Swimming
- Infant Forest Schools
- We had a visit from a Viking who talked to us about life in Viking times.

Dates for your diary

- **Swimming** Thursdays, 6th & 27th February, 12th & 26th March and 23rd April
- **Forest Schools - Infants** Thursday 30th January
- **Break up for Half Term** Friday 14th February at 3.15pm
- **Return to School** Monday 24th February at 9.00am
- **Peat Rigg Parents Meeting** Thursday 27th February at 4pm, Egton School
 - **Year 3 / 4 Parents only**
- **World Book Day** Friday 6th March
- **Mothering Sunday Service** Friday 20th March at 2.00pm in St Hilda's Church
- **Parent Consultations** Tuesday 31st March & Wednesday 1st April
- **End of term Easter Service** Friday 3rd April at 2.00pm in St Hilda's Church
- **Break up for Easter** Friday 3rd April at 3.15pm
- **Training Day** Monday 20th April
- **Return to School** Tuesday 21st April at 9.00am

Yours sincerely,

Liz Orland
Headteacher