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Friday 12th December 2025

### Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,



We are definitely feeling festive this week having got the week off to a cracking start with a trip to the Stephen Joseph Theatre to watch 'Sleeping Beauty', thank you FOES for funding this Christmas treat. We



have also been busy with our own play rehearsals and look forward to seeing you at one of our performances next week. Please see below for details:



### Christmas Activities:

Here are the details for all our events over the next week:

#### Monday 15th December - Dress Rehearsal

We will be having our dress rehearsal in church on Monday 15th December. Please make sure all costumes are in school. Thank you.

#### Tuesday 16th 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 17th 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. Donations of mince pies welcomed, thank you.

#### Thursday 18th 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.

Thursday 18th December - Y6 Wreath Making and Lunch at Vi's Cafe, St Matthews church, Grosmont, leaving school at 11.15am

**Friday 19th December - Christmas Party and Party Lunch** – Children may come to school in their party clothes ready for a party lunch and party afternoon in school. 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 19th December - FOES Tuck Shop - Break up for the holidays at 3.30pm**



### **School Photos**

The school photos were sent home this week. Thank you to everyone who ordered a school photo. Please note you can still order a photo if you missed the deadline. This will be delivered in January. Details of late orders can be found [HERE](#).

### **SATs Club**

Please note this week's Y6 SATs club was the last this term. It will resume on Wednesday 7th January. Thank you to Mrs Tokarski for providing this extra club!

### **Christmas Dinner**

Thank you to Danni for cooking us a fabulous christmas dinner on Wednesday, we enjoyed feasting banquet style with crackers and all the trimmings!

### **FOES News and Activities**

**FOES Christmas Fair** - thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who came along, set up, ran stalls and cleared up on Friday last week. We had a fabulous Christmas fair, a big thank you to our visitors for bringing along their donkeys and Father Christmas for making time in his busy schedule! What a lovely way for the Juniors to be greeted on their return from York! We raised a whopping.... £572.00!!

**FOES Draw** - The Christmas raffle was drawn by the children on Monday afternoon. A huge well done to all of the winners. You will have been contacted if your ticket was drawn out. A big thank you also to everyone who donated prizes and gifts. The raffle raised £420!!

Donations of mince pies and biscuits would be gratefully received for our refreshments this week.

### **Next Thursday Activities**

Please note it is the infants' turn for Forest School next week. Please ensure they are prepared with warm clothes, a coat, waterproofs, a hat and gloves. Thank you.

### **Santa Claus is coming to town...18th December at 5.30pm**

The big man will be making his way through Egton village again this year! He will have a quick stop outside The Witching Post In then head down to Egton Bridge where he will go past The Horseshoe Hotel and 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 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.

Christmas play performances	16th December 2pm 17th December 6pm
Forest School Infants	18th December
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January</b>
Teacher Training Day	Monday 5th January 2026
<b>Children return to school</b>	<b>Tuesday 6th January 2026</b>

Next week, you may have to play 'hunt the headteacher' as I am at lots of different Christmas events and activities over the week for both of our schools! Please call the school office or send an email in the first instance if you need to urgently make contact. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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)).

### **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!

### **Adverse weather conditions**

Just 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](#)

### **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**

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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.