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### **Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We currently have two parent governor vacancies on our federation governing board. If you are interested, please refer to the email sent out to parents on Wednesday where you will find all the information you need. Nominations can be made from either or both of our federation schools. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

#### **Staffing**

We welcome back to school Mr Michael Kipling. Some of you may remember Michael as one of our student teachers back in 2024. He is now a fully qualified teacher and is delighted to be back with us on a part-time basis. Michael is known to many of the older children and is familiar with our routines and systems. We look forward to working with him again whilst Mrs Vaughan is absent.

#### **Autumn 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:

DATE	Wednesday 15th October	2.00pm-3.00pm
DATE	Thursday 13th November	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](mailto:admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk).

#### **My Happy Mind**

We're excited to share that this year, our school is going to be using myHappyMind to support your child's wellbeing and resilience. This week we have launched this in school with the children. There is myHappyMind Parent App, you can gain access to to support our work at home:

😊 myHappyMind Places – A personalised self-regulation tool

😊 Be Your Best Programme – Bite-sized videos to support mental wellbeing ahead of assessments, also available as podcasts myHappyMind stories, songs and videos

😊 Happy Breathing visuals and audio files (over 40 available)

😊 Games, including our Interactive Conversation Cards and the Wheel of Gratitude



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### **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.

Swimming - whole school	25/09, 9/10, 23/10, 13/11, 27/11 11/12
Forest School Infants	18/09, 16/10, 20/11, 18/12
Forest School Juniors	02/10, 06/11, 04/12
Half term	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Teacher Training Day	Monday 5th January 2026
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th January 2026

Next week, I will be at Egton on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Danby on Tuesday and Thursday.

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)).

### **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](#)

### **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](#).

### **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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[g.thompson@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto: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](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.