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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well this week flashed by! As you will see from all the activity reports below it's been a busy one and we've had much to enjoy and to keep us occupied!

As we take the time to reflect on another amazing year, I would like to say a huge thank you to our staff and volunteer team, our governors and to you as parents and supporters of our school. We couldn't do it without you all and we are so grateful for all of the support that we get to give our children the best of learning and personal experiences! Thank you!

Fiver Challenge

One of the highlights of this half term has been the Fiver Challenge. The children (and therefore the parents!) embraced the challenge wholeheartedly and thanks to all their efforts, hard work and wonderful business ideas, they have made a profit of £280.44!! We are so proud of everyone who set up their little businesses. A huge well done indeed. This money is going to go into the savings pot for a new sports kit that the children have their eye on. There is a way to go yet until there is enough money so watch this space for some more enterprising fundraising ideas!

Y6 Leavers

We said a sad farewell to Rhodri, Eleanor, Aurora, Kit, Alfie, Iris, Dylan and Orlin today as we wish them luck on their next education adventure to secondary school. They have enjoyed a special week this week, with a lively Leavers trip to the amazing York Maize Maze, a trip to Crucial Crew in Scarborough, a special Leavers Lunch of All Day Breakfast and waffles dessert, Leavers Service and Leavers tea and not forgetting (you may have heard the racket!) the traditional ringing out of the church bells by Year 6 to signify the end of their time in Egton. Farewell everyone!

Crucial Crew

On Tuesday morning, children in Years 5 and 6 went to Scarborough Tec to take part in a Crucial Crew event. This is a highly successful and informative event that teaches children



how to be safe and how to deal with real life emergency situations with regards to fire rescue, life saving and first aid. They all had a really fun time while learning some valuable life skills from our emergency services.

KS2 Flamingo Land Zoo Trip

On Friday last week, the junior children had an exciting educational visit to Flamingo Land Zoo in Pickering. During the day they had a tour of the zoo and also took part in a workshop about Animal Evolution and Adaptations and we enjoyed some hands-on activities in the zoo classroom as well as a guided tour. During the tour we saw some amazing animals such as Lions, Rhinos, Giraffes, Hippos, Lions and Monkeys. A great day, if not a little hot day, was had by all!

Infant Trip

The infants had a lovely day out to Robin Hood's Bay on Tuesday and had a whale of a time on their beach adventure alongside our friends from Danby. We explored the fascinating rock pools, finding crabs, limpets, seaweed and so much more, before becoming young palaeontologists as we searched for fossils hidden amongst the rocks. The creativity continued with some beautiful beach art using the natural treasures we found along the shoreline. A huge thank you to North York Moors National Park for leading such an engaging day, another big thank you to Dollies Sweet Shop for the delicious ice creams and to FOES for kindly funding this special treat for every child.

Creative Arts Day

On Wednesday, the children were treated to a fantastic visit from 3 Creative Practitioners from Forge - North Yorkshire Cultural Education Partnership. It is part of a project they are developing: Creative Futures, Creative Today, Creative Tomorrow which aims to support and celebrate the artistic engagement, creativity and aspirations of primary aged children in rural North Yorkshire.

The day began with the introduction to The Great Travelling Exhibition. Artists were in role as Professor Marvel, Mr Melody and Mechanical Mary. They performed their travelling show song and explained that they were lost in time and needed the children's help to update their show and teach them how entertainment works in the 21st century. This was great fun and the children loved it and got thoroughly immersed in the narrative! Then the children were split into groups and took turns throughout the day to make magnificent hats with Professor Marvel, learning and adding new verses to the travelling show song with Mr Melody and creating moving tableaux and introducing the acts for the updated show with Mechanical Mary. Just before lunch there was a Great Travelling Show parade where everyone was brought together to show all the work they had created.

It was a wonderful day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience, a huge thank you to everyone who made this day happen.

September Staffing

You may have spotted a Mrs Thompson around school this week! We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Thompson will be returning to school in September as EYFS/KS1 teacher for three days - Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We are also delighted that Miss Hall will be remaining with us to teach EYFS/KS1 for the remaining two days of the week on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Tokarski will remain the full-time KS2 teacher in the juniors and Mrs Vaughan will continue to work across both schools in the federation as she has this year.

Summer Reading Challenge - Mobile Library

Join the free Summer Reading Challenge at the Mobile Library!

Dear Parents and Carers, We're excited to invite your child to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge – Read to the Beat! - completely free at the Mobile Library as part of your child's regular visit to us!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, free way for children aged 4–11 to stay motivated to read during the summer holidays. Children set their own reading goal and can read anything they enjoy – all books count!

[Click here for further information and for details of how to sign up.](#)

ParentPay Balances

Please could all ParentPay balances be settled by the end of term / over the summer holidays to ensure we begin the new academic year with a clean balance sheet. If you have any questions or concerns relating to payments, please contact Mrs Asquith to discuss payment arrangements.

Dinners and Breakfast and After School Clubs - September price increase

As is inevitable, with the increased cost of foods, we are having to increase our meal and clubs prices. This will take effect in the Autumn term as detailed below. If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

- Dinners for Junior children - increase from £2.90 to £3.00 (Infant meals continue to be free of charge through a government scheme)
- Breakfast club: from £3.00 to £3.50 a day
- After School Club: remains at £2.50 3.30pm - 4.30pm - to include a drink and snack

From £3.00 to £3.50 4.30pm - 5.30pm - to include a drink and light tea, therefore both hours would be £6.00

- Milk prices are also increasing from 15p to 20p/ day.

Free School Meals Expansion Programme

As previously communicated, from September 2026 the Department for Education is extending entitlement to free school meals to include all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit. Although eligibility will be granted to all Universal Credit recipients, it is important to note that families do still need **to apply** to receive the meals. For further information and details of how to apply, [click here](#).

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

School Dinner Menu

Our Autumn/Spring term menus are now available. Please click the links below for pupil choices on the three week rolling menus:

[Week 1](#) [w/c 7th, 28th Sep, 19th Oct, 16th Nov, 7th Dec, 11th Jan, 1st Feb]

[Week 2](#) [w/c 14th Sep, 5th Oct, 2nd, 23rd Nov, 14th Dec, 18th Jan]

[Week 3](#) [w/c 21st Sep, 12th Oct, 9th Nov, 4th, 25th Jan]

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](#).

FOES NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us with all our events this year, we couldn't do it without our brilliant committee and officers and without all of the generous donations and helper support. THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who helped and came along and supported our Summer Fair last week. We made just over £500 which is fantastic!

School Term Dates

The list of term dates for the academic year 2025-2026 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.

Summer Holidays	Monday 20th July - Friday 4th September
Teacher Training Day	Monday 7th September
School opens for children - Academic Year 2026-27	Tuesday 8th September

The first week back in September I will be at Egton on Tuesday morning, Wednesday and Friday and Danby on Monday, Tuesday afternoon and Thursday.

On behalf of the staff and governors we hope you have a super summer holiday, with lots of family time and some rest and relaxation. See you in September!

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).

Mobile Phones, Smart Watches and Devices

Mobile phone and smart watch technology has advanced significantly over the last few years and continues to evolve. Many phones and smart watches now offer internet and e-mail access, alongside standard functions of messaging, tracking, camera, video and sound recording. We are also seeing an increase in Smartwatch 'look-alikes' which have games and activities on which are proving a distraction to learning and are time consuming for teaching staff to monitor.

Smartwatches and Smart-Watch lookalikes are therefore **not permitted** to be worn to school in line with the recent change in Government guidelines.

However, in line with our passion for helping children to tell the time, a standard analogue or digital wrist watch may be worn. If you are unsure whether your child's watch is appropriate, you are welcome to check in with a member of staff.

Smart Watches and devices that are brought to school for any reason will be kept safely until the end of the school day.

For a reminder of our school uniform please see our website page [here](#)

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.

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

l.tokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

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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

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.