

Friday 22nd December 2023

<u>Newsletter</u>

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy but fabulous week! We have enjoyed Christmas Dinner, Christmas Party Lunch, a visit to Danby to watch their lovely dress rehearsal, a Christmas craft morning, a beautiful Carol service and Nativity and lastly a lively party with a visit from Father Christmas himself! I think everyone is now ready for a well earned break!

Our Carol service raised an amazing £173.12 which will be shared between the children's choice of Cancer Research UK and St Hilda's Church Roof Fund. Thank you to the Friends of Egton School for providing the mulled wine and mince pies and for ending school with a Christmas Tuck Shop today.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all of the staff and volunteers in school this term for all of their hard work and thank you to you who have supported us this year. We are appreciative of all of the kind comments, cards and gifts and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



School Term Dates

The list of term dates for the 2023/2024 academic year can be viewed HERE.

Diary Dates

Please note that our calendar can be found on the school website <u>HERE</u>. This is updated regularly throughout the term.

Forest School Dates	18/01, 01/02, 22/02, 07/03, 21/03,
Swimming Dates	11/01, 25/01, 08/02, 29/02, 14/03,
Staff Training Day at Danby School	Monday 8th January

(please note all staff will be at Danby on this day)	
Children Return to School	Tuesday 9th January
FOES Meeting	Thursday 11th January 3.30pm @ school

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

On behalf of the children, staff and governors we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

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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).

School Dinner Menu

Please find the Spring Term school menu <u>HERE</u>. 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 <u>HERE</u>

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.

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

Please note that there will continue to be our free of charge fun after school club in the autumn term until October half term on Wednesdays from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. If children need to stay until 5.30pm for after school provision on these evenings, parents will still be charged £5.50 for the two hours as staff members will need to be retained during that time. Thank you.

Jewellery in School

Please could we remind everyone of the policy regarding jewellery in school:

'Jewellery is not allowed to be worn for Health and Safety reasons following a directive from North Yorkshire County Council. However a watch and small stud earrings may be worn on a daily basis but must be removed for PE.'

We have noticed a number of children wearing items such as bracelets and necklaces recently. Not only does this present a health and safety risk but also causes upset if these items get lost. If you wish your child to have their ears pierced, we recommend that you have this done over the Summer holiday period to allow them to heal before a return to school. All earrings must now be removed for PE and Swimming lessons, we are not allowed to tape over them as in previous times.

Recycle4Charity

Recycle4Charity is an organisation set up to receive used ink cartridges. This, in turn supplies an income to charities & organisations who sign up to it. We have a 'used ink cartridges' box in school. Feel free to bring in your used ink cartridges to fill our box and earn some money for School! For more information about 'Recycle4charity', please use the link below. https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/AboutUs

Contacting the teaching staff

Ltokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk Lvaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk g.robertson@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

Free School Meal Eligibility

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 NYCC website -<u>Free school meals | North Yorkshire County Council</u>.

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.

To qualify for free school meals you must fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month);
- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC); or
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit. Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

If you need any help or further clarification, please contact the school office.

Egton Village Hall

Egton Village Hall is available to hire once again, for Parties and Events. The rates for hire are as follows:

£10ph for hall only plus tea and coffee making facilities £12ph for a buffet which doesn't require the use of the oven £15ph for full use of the kitchen.

All booking enquiries should be made by emailing villagehallegton@gmail.com. The bookings secretary will then get back to you.