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### **Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **FOES Jumble Sale - CANCELLED**

We are sorry to let you know that the decision has been made to cancel the jumble sale as there were not enough donations to fill the hall. Thank you to everyone who has made donations up to now; they will be sold at the table top sale on Sunday at Egton Village Hall 10-12 in aid of FOES.

#### **Free Bingo and FOES AGM**

Don't forget to book your spaces for the free Bingo and hotdog tea after school next Tuesday! Please see the attachment to the email for further details if you haven't yet booked your space! We will briefly hold a short AGM at this event, so do pop along at 3pm for a brief meeting prior to play!

#### **YCEP Jubilee Sports**

On Tuesday, children in Years 3 and 4 travelled to Mulgrave Cricket Club to take part in the first ever "Jubilee Cup" which was organised by YCEP Schools (Yorkshire Coast Education Partnership). Throughout the event, the children took part in a number of different events such as running races, sack race, relay, beanbag on head, foot rounders and throwing/jumping. Everyone had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Thank you to the YCEP team for organising and we look forward to next time!

#### **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.

#### **Parents evenings**

This term's parents evenings are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 21st October between 3.40pm and 6.00pm and Thursday 23rd October between 3.40pm and 5.00pm.

To make an appointment with your child's teacher, please click [here](#) to take you to the online booking form by Wednesday 15th October. Please note that once this has been completed, appointments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and will be confirmed by email. Thank you.

#### **Harvest Festival**

It was lovely to see so many people join us for our Harvest Festival on Thursday. A huge well done to all of the children for their part in the service, some super reading by the juniors and brilliant singing from the infants. Thank you to Rev. Anthony for leading it for us. A huge thank you for the generous donations to Whitby Food Bank, these are very much appreciated by the food bank team.

### **Whitby "Lit-Fest"'s first Writing Competition**

The local organisation Whitby Lit-fest has opened a writing competition for the first time ahead of their festival which takes place 6-9th November. The competition is free to enter and limited to local children only. There will be an awards ceremony, great prizes and a judging panel will decide on the short-list and winners over the week of Half Term and leading up to the festival.

The closing date for the competitions is 24th October at 9pm, so there is a month for children to get writing. Submission is [via their website](#), and T&Cs apply [attached to this email].

### **The Children's Book Project**

Our school has signed up with national charity the Children's Book Project to receive donations of good quality, gently used books from local families. These will be used across the school. Books can be dropped at reception. Spread the word and look for us on their map! [Give Books - Children's Book Project](#)



### **Free Violin Lessons - Whitby Music Centre**

Please see below a message from Richard Wood at Whitby Music Centre which he would like to share with you:

*I am very pleased to tell you about an exciting opportunity Whitby Music Centre are offering to the children in year 4, 5 and 6 to your school. We are giving free violin lessons, which includes free instrument hire on Saturday mornings at Whitby School. Lessons will start after half-term in groups of up to 8 children, and children should be in school year 4 or above.*

*The cognitive, well-being and social benefits of learning an instrument are well-documented and these will be enjoyed by each child as well as the wider school community as they contribute to your events. Playing the violin was important to Albert Einstein and I hope your children will derive the same pleasure from learning this beautiful instrument.*

*Please contact me on [Richard.Wood@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.Wood@northyorks.gov.uk) if you would like more information or want to snap up one of the places.*

### **Octoberfest**

Well done to those who took part in Octoberfest last weekend! Our boys took 8th and 17th place in the boys' race and congratulations to one of our young ladies in Early Years who took part in the Y3/4 race, wow! Our Y5/6 boys also took 17th & 18th place, fantastic effort everyone!! If anyone has collected sponsor money, please bring it into school and the event organisers will collect it directly from us. Thank you.

### **FOES News and Activities** 🏃🏻‍♀️🎯🍪👕👔👖👗🧦🧤🧢

### **FOES AGM and Bingo Fun - Tuesday 14th October**

FOES are hosting a bingo evening at school. Please see the attachment to the email detailing a FREE children and parents Bingo afternoon with hotdog tea to celebrate the start of the new school year. We will briefly hold a short AGM at this event, so do pop along at 3pm for a brief meeting prior to play!

**Christmas Fair - Friday 5th December**  
**Raffle Ticket Draw - Monday 8th December**

**Bag2School FOES Fundraiser Next Thursday** ([click here for more information](#))



There will be a Bag2School collection to raise money for FOES funds on **Thursday 16th October**. For our new parents, Bag2School is a free eco-friendly fundraising scheme that helps schools, businesses, community groups, local councils, and charities raise funds through textile recycling as well as spreading textile recycling awareness. This is a great opportunity for a clear out before Christmas to donate any unwanted items whilst raising money for the school.

### **Accepted items:**

✓ Clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, ties, handbags, jewellery and socks.

**The following items are not accepted so please don't include these in the bags as they won't be collected:**

✗ Duvets and blankets, pillows/cushions, carpets/rugs/mats, soiled/painted/ripped clothing, school uniform with and without logo, corporate clothing and footwear, textile offcuts/yarns/threaded material, furniture/large items, suitcases, batteries, soft toys.

Each child has been given a Bag2School bag that you may use for any of the accepted items listed above. If you need more than one bag please ask at school as we have plenty to spare. If not, please feel free to use a black bin bag.

Please drop off any filled bags into the field gazebo no later than 9.00am on Thursday 16th October ready for collection. Please do not over fill bags and make sure that they are securely tied at the top to avoid the items getting wet. Thank you.

### **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).

### **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	23/10, 13/11, 27/11 11/12
Forest School Infants	16/10, 20/11, 18/12
Forest School Juniors	06/11, 04/12
Bag2School Collection	16th October
Parent Consultation Evenings [details to follow]	21st October [3.30-6pm], 23rd October [3.30-5pm]
<b>Half term</b>	<b>Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October</b>
Remembrance Service	11th November 10.30am St Hilda's, Egton
Flu Vaccinations	21st November
Individual School Photos	2nd December
Christingle Service	4th December 5.30pm for 6pm start St Matthews, Grosmont
Christmas Theatre Trip	8th December
Christmas play performances	16th December 2pm 17th December 6pm for 6.30pm
<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, I will be at Danby on Monday and Thursday and Egton on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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**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](http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child)).

### **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](#)

### **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.