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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Festival

Well done to the children for leading our worship this Harvest. Thank you for the donations for the Whitby Food Bank, they will be much appreciated. We had a lovely service as always and the children did some beautiful singing and readings for us. Thank you for joining us and huge thank you to those who stayed for our FOES AGM afterwards.

Guinness Book of Records Reading Event

Last week the whole school took part in the 'Take 10 to Read' attempt with the National Literacy Trust and the British Council that is aiming to set a new GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for the most people reading online in 12 hours. We took part in exciting webinars led by some fantastic authors.

The Juniors had to think about simple mistakes that could lead you into an adventure, like being left at the wrong school or switching phones with a celebrity. However, the Infants had to think about things that made them feel calm, whether that's a cuddly toy or a cuddle from Mum or Dad.

Mental Health Worship

In recognition of World Mental Health Day, we began our week with a special Mental Health Worship led by Laura S and Mrs Mortimer. We talked about the idea of carrying a 'backpack of worries', thinking about what might make our backpacks feel heavy, how we can help to lighten them, and who we can talk to when we need support. We ended our worship with a quiet time for reflection, encouraging everyone to remember:

- something that makes you feel happy and safe;
- that your feelings matter; and
- the importance of sharing a smile and kind words with those around you.

A lovely reminder that looking after our mental health, and looking out for one another, is important every day.

Year 5 6 Rugby Megafest

On Tuesday afternoon, the junior children went to Whitby School to take part in a Rugby Megafest event. They all had a great time learning some new tag rugby skills and putting them into practice with some mini games. Well done everyone!

Wednesday Fun Club 3.30-4.30pm

Please note that next week is the last for fun club for this year, resuming in summer term next year. If you would like your child to stay, and haven't already done so, please complete the form [here](#).

After School Club is available until 5.30pm and your child's ParentPay account will be charged £6.00 for the session. After half term, Wednesdays will revert to the normal After School Club [chargeable for either 4.30 or 5.30pm].

Scarborough Fair 'Autumn Daze' Event

We have been asked to share the following message with you from *The Scarborough Fair*.

Join us this autumn half term for Autumn Daze, a much-loved community event at Peasholm Park in Scarborough. Families can enjoy a range of seasonal activities, including woodcraft sessions, storytelling, crafts, children's entertainment and local stalls. It's a great opportunity to get outdoors, explore the park and celebrate the season together.

And the 'Moonlight on the lake'

Moonlight on the Lake returns to Peasholm Park on 23 and 24 October, with hundreds of handmade lanterns and illuminations transforming the park after dark. Visitors can enjoy a magical walk around the lake, celebrating the heritage of Scarborough and one of its most beloved attractions. Suitable for all ages, the event offers a unique experience for families, with children aged 15 and under able to attend free when accompanied by an adult.

Find out more and book tickets [here](#).

Parents Evenings

You should have received your parents evening appointment via email this week. If you have any queries, please get in touch.

Poppy Appeal

We have a selection of poppies, wrist bands, snap wristbands, keyrings, zip tags and 'In Remembrance' pencils in school to raise money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal 2026. The box itself takes cash only, though if you do not have cash, you can make a direct donation online [HERE](#). Thank you for your support.



Information from Early Help for Parents

Please find below the togetherness program for parenting. When you open the home page there is now an option to access the courses via WhatsApp.

[Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager - Togetherness](#)

Free Violin Music Lessons

From 7 November, Whitby Music Centre's specialist staff are offering 8 children free beginner violin lessons for one year. The lessons will begin on Saturday 7 November from 9.15am until 9.45am and continue until next July on term time Saturdays at Whitby School, Airy Hill Site (Lower School). Further information is posted on their website – www.whitbymusiccentre.co.uk – and parents who want more information or to book lessons can contact Richard Wood on richard.wood@northyorks.gov.uk or northyorkshiremusicsservice.co.uk a flyer is attached to this email too.

Non-uniform day - next Thursday

Please be reminded that next week is a non-uniform day in aid of supplies for Indian schools. Please can everyone bring their swim kits on Thursday morning, ready for our afternoon session as usual. Thank you.

Stay and Play Sessions

We held our first Stay and Play session on Wednesday afternoon and we thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children and their families into our school. The second session will take place on Monday 9th November 10.30am - 11.30am

If you know of anyone who would like to come along to these sessions, please ask them to get in touch to book a place. Thank you.

School Dinner Menu

Please click the links below for our Autumn/Spring menus with pupil choices on the three week rolling menus:

[Week 1](#) [w/c 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](#).

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](#)

The Friends of Egton School (FOES)

Thank you to everyone who stayed after Harvest to be part of our AGM. I am delighted to report that we are able to run for another year!

A huge thank you to our retiring Secretary and Treasurer, Sarah and Megan, for their incredible commitment, hard work and support of FOES over the past years. Their dedication has helped to raise a phenomenal amount of money, providing wonderful opportunities, activities and experiences for all our pupils. We are extremely grateful for everything they have done.

The committee for this year is as follows:

Chair: Annie Raw

Secretary: Sam Adams and Carla Harrison

Treasurer: David Adams

Committee Member: Megan Harrison

Committee Member: Sarah Bashford

Committee Member: Emma Foster

Committee Member: Sarah Liddle

Dates for your diaries:

Autumn Tuck Shop - Thursday 22nd October from 3.15pm

Children's Movie Night - Thursday 19th November from 3.30pm-5.30pm

Christmas Fair - Friday 27th November 3.30pm-5.30pm

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.

Swimming	Oct 22nd, Nov 12th , 26th, Dec 10th
Forest School Infants	Nov 5th, Dec 3rd
Forest School Juniors	Nov 19th, Dec 17th
Wednesday Fun Club	3.30pm - 4.30pm 21st.
Stay and Play sessions	Monday 9th November 10.30am - 11.30am
Non-uniform Day in aid of supplies for Indian schools	Thursday 22nd October
Staff Training Day - school closed	Friday 23rd October
Half term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
School reopens	Monday 2nd November

Parents evenings	3.40pm - 6.30pm Monday 19th October 3.40pm - 5.30pm Wednesday 21st October
Children in Need Day	Friday 13th November
School Photos (Individual and Siblings)	Tuesday 1st December
Christmas performance dress rehearsal - further details to follow	Tuesday 15th December
Christmas performances	Wednesday 16th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Christmas Theatre Trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre - whole school	Friday 11th December
Last day of term	Friday 18th December

Next week I will be in Egton on Monday and Wednesday and Danby on Tuesday and Thursday. Please note that Friday is a teacher training day and staff will be at Egton School.

Have a lovely weekend!

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](#)

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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

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

l.hall@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.