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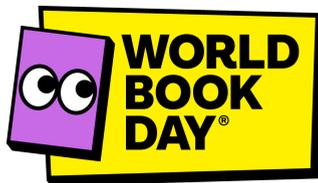
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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,



World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

Next Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day in school by taking part in a dress up day and many different, book related activities throughout the day. Children may come to school dressed as their favorite book character for the day or in their pyjamas or in

their uniform if they are more comfortable! Please do not feel that you need to buy anything especially for the occasion! They will also all receive a £1 book token which they can exchange for one for one of this year's selected World Book Day books. A huge thank you to The Whitby Bookshop for providing the selection of World Book Day books for the children to choose from.

Change to dinner menu next week

On Thursday 5th March, our cook will be cooking a special World Book Day themed lunch of Beasty Burger with Fries (Chicken burger) followed by Matilda's Marvellous Mousse Cake (Chocolate Mousse Cake).

Breakfast Reading Café

As part of our ongoing National Year of Reading activities, we will be holding a Reading Café for parents and carers from 9am to 10am on Tuesday 17th March. Why not stop off after drop off for some light refreshments and some fireside reading with your child/ren for a short period of time and get your day off to a relaxing start!

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](#)

Y3/4 Peat Rigg Residential Parent Meeting

We will be holding a short meeting for parents and children in Year 3 and 4 on Thursday 12th March at 3.30pm. Information for the trip will be shared and a kit list made available. This will also be shared via email.

ParentPay Balances

As we approach the end of the financial year, it would be greatly appreciated if you could keep your ParentPay balances clear. Please be reminded that Egton School has registered to enable you to have access to Tax Free Childcare for wraparound care at school [covering both Breakfast Club and After School Club] which can pay 20% of your childcare costs. 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](#)

County Hall Music - Future Talent Programme

We have been asked to share with you an opportunity to apply for a Future Talent programme for young musicians from low income families. Please see the information below and contact us if you would like any further information.

Young musicians from low-income backgrounds can apply from today for programmes beginning in September 2026.

*This year we're also introducing an **important update**: our awards will now run over a **two-year cycle**, giving each young musician more time, stability and support to grow. For those who are 17 on 1st September 2026, the award will run for one year in line with our age criteria. Future Talent programmes offer a wide range of opportunities, including **funding** towards musical development, **masterclasses** with leading artists, **workshops** to explore new skills, **mentoring** from industry professionals and **performance** experiences designed to build confidence.*

Applications close on **Friday 24th April**, and all details - including eligibility and how to apply - are available via the link below.

[Programmes | Future Talent](#)

New School Dinner Menu

Please click [HERE](#) for the new Spring/Summer Term menu which will be delivered after half term. 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](#).

Parent Drop In Sessions - SEND

If you would like to learn more about how we support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in our Federation or would like to have the chance to chat with other parents, we are

holding a couple of informal parent drop-in sessions detailed below. Come and have a cuppa and a chat and share your thoughts with us about our SEND provision at whichever session or school is convenient for you.

Danby	Thurs 5th March 9-10am	and/or	Wed 11th March 3.30pm-4.30pm
Egton	Thurs 26th February 9-10am	and/or	Wed 18th March 3.30pm-4.30pm

FOES NEWS

Thank you to those who came along to our meeting last night, here are a couple of dates for your diaries of events coming up:

- ❖ Non Uniform Day - Friday 13th March - bring along a tombola donation for Easter Bingo
- ❖ Easter Bingo - Thursday 26th March - Egton Village Hall 5.30pm - Details to follow

Infants' Forest School

Please note next week is Forest School for infants. Though we have been grateful for the warmer weather, there can still be a chilling wind; therefore please ensure everyone has their usual kits including waterproofs, hats, gloves and coats. Thank you.

Spring 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 last stay and play session for this term is:

- ★ Monday 16th March 2.00pm - 3.00pm

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 and for children who will be joining us in the future. 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.

Lealhom Methodist Chapel Sponsored Walk

We have been asked to let you know about a sponsored walk that is being organised by Lealhom Methodist Chapel. Details as follows:

Saturday 11th April - leaving chapel between 9.30am - 10.00am and returning for refreshments. Includes 2 lengths of walks and a treasure hunt around the village for the younger ones.

All proceeds to Chapel funds and all are welcome.

No time for a walk, just come for the food and chat.

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 Every Other Thursday	12th & 26th March
Forest School Juniors	19th March
Forest School Infants	5th March
World Book Day	Friday 5th March
Stay and play Session	Monday 16th March 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Mothering Sunday on a Monday Service	Monday 16th March 9.15am St Hilda's Egton
Comic Relief Day	Friday 20th March
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 24th March Thursday 26th March
Easter Service	Thursday 26th March 9.15am St Hilda's Egton
Easter Holidays	Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
Teacher Training Day	Monday 13th April - school closed to pupils
Children return to school	Tuesday 14th April

Next week, I will be at Egton on Monday, Wednesday morning and Friday and Danby on Tuesday and Thursday. I am at the Diocese for a meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

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).

Smart Watches, Apple AirTag and other such devices - information

- These courses are an opportunity to find out more and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.
- Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.
- For multi-day courses parents must attend all days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

Spaces fill-up fast so please share with your parents and carer networks and encourage early booking to avoid missing out!

Adverse weather conditions

Just 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](#)

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.