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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely half term, it has been great to hear about all the half term news. Do keep an eye on the newsletter this half term as the run up to Christmas is always busy with activities and events!

Remembrance Worship

There will be a short act of collective worship for Remembrance Day at 10.30am on Tuesday 11th November in St Hilda's church Egton. You are most welcome to join us. Refreshments will be available in church from 9am if anyone wishes to use this facility.

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November, Year 6 would like to invite everyone to come to school in non-uniform to help raise money for Children in Need. In the afternoon, we have planned four exciting activities for us to enjoy; a colouring competition and craft, musical statues, obstacle course and treasure hunt and pin the patch on the bear. We hope you all enjoy it!

Staying warm in church!

Just a reminder that winter is approaching fast, a time when the school pick up can be wet, cold and windy. To help make things a bit better, the church will be available to wait in and there'll be free refreshments to help yourself to. The church won't be heated but a mug of something hot goes a long way to helping with that and it won't be wet or windy. There are other benefits to gathering there too: space to chat and make new friends without being cramped on the pavement, a bit of space for toddlers to stretch their legs (but please keep them safe from trips and bumps), no cries from the back seat of 'I want to get out' and less fuel used if you're trying to stay warm and dry in your car.

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

ParentPay after half term

For your information, due to the integration of a new management information system, ParentPay will not be able to be updated with any meals or club attendances etc for approximately two weeks after half term. We will let you know when the service is up and running again. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Caretaker Vacancy

Our wonderful Caretaker Gary will be retiring at the end of the year. Therefore, a position will become available to take effect from 31st January 2026. If you know anyone who would be interested in the position, please do send them the link [HERE](#).

FOES News and Activities 🏃🏻‍♀️🎯🍪👕👖👗👚👛🧤🧥🧦🧦🧦🧦

NOW COLLECTING HAMPER AND TOMBOLA GOODIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Donations may be brought in to school or popped in the collection box at the front door.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent meeting for Christmas Fair and Events planning. Please see and complete their form [HERE](#) to let the FOES team know if you are able to help with preparations for the FOES Christmas Fair. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Christmas Fair - Friday 5th December 3.30pm in school

Raffle Ticket Draw - Monday 8th December

Poppy Appeal

We have a selection of poppy's, wrist bands, snap wristbands, keyrings, zip tags and 'In Remembrance' wooden crosses in school to raise money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024. 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.



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 next stay and play date for this term is:

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.

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	13/11, 27/11 11/12
Forest School Infants	20/11, 18/12
Forest School Juniors	04/12
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
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Teacher Training Day	Monday 5th January 2026
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th January 2026

Next week, I will be at Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Egton on Tuesday and Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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

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.

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](#)

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.

Growing Healthy Information from HDFT

Please find information about an app designed both for professionals and families, by Harrogate District Foundation Trust [HDFT] who deliver the Healthy Child programme. This covers the whole county and has a map of services/groups etc for families to access in their area, including contact details and opening hours etc, as well as child development info for parents, referral forms for wellbeing advice for older CYP etc

[Download Our App | HDFT Children's Health Service](#)

Free Inclusion courses for parents

We have been asked to share with you the following link to courses designed to support parents and carers of children with Autism, SEMH, and ADHD. Link [HERE](#).

- 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!

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

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.