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Friday 2nd December 2022,

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Jumper Day

Next Thursday, 8th December will be Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. For a small donation your child may wear their Christmas jumper to school that day instead of their school jumper! Donations can be left in the bucket on the gate, thank you.

Christmas Dinner and Party Lunch

An email was sent out to parents earlier this week with the details for Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 13th & Christmas Party Picnic lunch on Friday 16th December. Thank you to those of you who have completed the google form to let us know if your child would like to have these two lunches. If you would still like to let us know your child's choices please complete the form found [HERE](#)

Telephone Line Repairs

We are informed that it is unlikely that we will have a telephone line before the 15th December. Please could you continue to use the school mobile on 07890 965708. Thank you!

Snow Policy

In view of the changing weather, please find the link to our current snow policy [HERE](#). Hopefully we will make it to the end of term without any!

Christmas Cards - Last posting date 14th December

We will once again have a Christmas post box in school for the children to post their Christmas cards. As in previous years, please do not place any additions such as sweets or small gifts in the cards. Thank you.

We understand that Christmas cards can be very costly so alternatively you may like to encourage your child to use our Charity card. There will be a charity card available for each class where, for a small donation, your child can write or stick a message to their classmates. Our Charity will be St Catherine's Hospice.

Individual School Photographs - Thursday 1st December

The photos and order forms will be coming home with the children this afternoon. Please return any orders to the school office by 10am on Wednesday next week, 7th December. This will then allow time for the orders to be collected and the photos returned to us in time for the end of term. Late orders will have to be arranged with the photo company directly.

St Margaret's Church, Aislaby - Display of Nativity Scenes

We are delighted to be taking part in the above event at St Margaret's Church in Aislaby. The children are going to be creating a Nativity Scene in school that will be included in the display at the church. The exhibition commences with a Carol service and blessing of the cribs on Sunday 18th December at 3.00pm, and is open for viewing daily thereafter between 1.30-4.00pm up to and including Christmas Eve. Entrance is free and seasonal refreshments available throughout each afternoon. They would love to welcome any of our parents and children.

Forest School & Swimming

Our next Swimming session will be on Thursday, 8th December and is for the whole school. This will be our last swimming session of this term. We will start again in the new term with swimming in the first week back after Christmas on 5th January 2023.

Friends of Egton School

Christmas Fair

Our next major event will be our Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December 11am-1pm at Egton Village Hall. Donations of items for hampers and tombola would be gratefully received. FOES have set up an Amazon Wish list which shows items which they would like to include in the prize hampers. You can purchase these via the wish list and they will then be sent directly to school. The link for the wish list can be found [HERE](#)

Hamper Pack

FOES will be packing the prize hampers in school on the afternoon of Thursday 1st December. If you are able to spare a couple of hours from 1pm to come and help please let the school office know by email.

Christmas Prize Draw

If you require any more raffle tickets to sell please let the school office know. We would appreciate tickets, either sold or unsold, and money being returned to school by Wednesday 30th November please.

Christmas Cards

The children have each designed a Christmas card this year which you are able to order to help raise funds for FOES. If you have mislaid your code and access details to place your order please do get in touch.

FOES Movie Night

FOES will be hosting a movie night in school on Wednesday 7th December from 3.15pm until 5.30pm. The cost will be £3.00 per child and they will each get popcorn, a hot dog and chips, drink and a sweet treat for dessert. If your child would like to attend please complete the google form found [HERE](#) to give your permission and send the money in a sealed named envelope to the school office by Monday 5th December.

After School Care Provision

Please could we ask that if you need to make use of our After School Care provision at short notice, that you let the school office know by 2.45pm to enable us to have adequate staffing in place. Thank you.

Esk Valley Railway 2023 Calendars For Sale

Esk Valley Railway
2023 Calendar

Follow the Rules on Rails - and have Fun!

The popular Esk Valley Railway calendar is once again on sale, kindly sponsored by Community Rail Network.

This year, proceeds from the calendar will be used to support the Esk Valley Railway 'Rules on Rails' campaign to teach young children how to use railways safely as well as taking them on trains and to have fun while learning about them.

With spectacular views from along the Esk Valley, these calendars make excellent Christmas presents.

Calendars are just £5 each and we have a number of them in school available to purchase. Please send the money in a sealed labelled envelope to the school office to purchase.

Contact us at our website: www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk

The Egton Exchange

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Drop, swap or collect at St. Hilda's Church, Egton.



Drop off unwanted items from home that others could use, or could be used as Christmas gifts.

Swap your unwanted items for something that you do need.

Collect any donated items that you want.

*St. Hilda's Church is open every day 9am till 4pm.
Have a pre-Christmas clear out and help others!*

School Term Dates

The list of term dates for the 2022/2023 academic year can be viewed [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	Thursday 8th December
FOES Christmas Fair	Saturday 3rd December, in Egton Village Hall
Whole school trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough	Monday 12th December, leaving school at 8.30am prompt
Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 13th December
Afternoon Play Performance	Wednesday 14th December
Evening Play Performance	Thursday 15th December
Christmas Party Picnic Lunch	Friday 16th December
Break up for Christmas Holidays	Friday 16th December at 3.15pm

Have a lovely weekend, next week I will be at Egton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Danby on Tuesday and Thursday.



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

Ukraine Resources

Obviously, the situation in the world has sadly changed over the last week or two. Some resources have been put out to enable school staff and families to support children with questions and discussions which you may find useful [HERE Speaking with Children about the War in Ukraine | Schools of Sanctuary](#), [Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#), and in the additional resource added to the email.

School Dinner Menu

Please find attached our school dinner menu for this term. Please be aware that sometimes menus do need to change slightly depending on deliveries etc. The cost for dinners remains at £2.60 per meal/ £13.00 per week for the Junior Children. Children in the Infant Class receive free dinners as part of the government Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Please contact Mrs Harland in the school office to arrange payment if your child is in the Junior Class.

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](#). This form can also be found on our school website.

Just a reminder that on Fridays we have an alternative choice to fish so that both the fish lovers and the fish haters can enjoy a hot meal. This will alternate between sausages and pizza and we will make the children and parents aware the day before what option it is that week.

Healthy Snacks

Please could we ask that children bring a 'healthy' snack into school for morning break, no sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. Infant children are provided with a piece of fruit but may also bring in their own snack if preferred.

NYCC 'Be Aware' Campaign - [New Link](#)

North Yorkshire County Council have asked us to publicise information about their 'Be Aware' campaign. Please click on the link below to access the document.

[Be Aware Information](#)

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.**

Tea Towels

We still have a number of tea towels featuring the pupils' artwork for sale in school. They are priced at £5 for 1, £9 for 2 or £12 for 3. If you would like to purchase any of these please send money into the school office in a named envelope.

Contacting the teaching staff

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

l.vaughan@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

Recycle 4 Charity

We have a recycling box set up in the school reception for printer ink cartridges. Please send your old cartridges into school and help us fill the box. Once full we will send it off

and raise money for school. Please note this is for ink cartridges only **NOT** toner and laser cartridges.

Music Lessons

If your child is interested in learning to play either piano, guitar, drums, voice, flute, harp, accordion, recorder, clarinet, saxophone, ukulele or penny whistle, Alex Lillie has places available. Please do contact Alex on 07837042246 or alixhoste@hotmail.com to discuss.

Piano Lessons

One of our music teachers, Shirley Smith, currently has places for more students to learn Piano. If your child is interested please contact the county music hub on 01609 532783 or by emailing countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk. They will be able to give you more information about costs and how to book.

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 - [Free school meals | North Yorkshire County Council](#).

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 contribution-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.

