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Friday 3rd February 2023,

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Storytelling competition**

To celebrate National Storytelling Week, our children have been offered lots of exciting opportunities. Each day in Collective Worship, an adult has read a story to the whole school. From Bible Stories to family favourites, they have had a lovely week! In addition to this, many children have taken part in our story writing competition. We were blown away by the submissions- it was very tricky to choose the winners but we are delighted to announce the winners are:

- Infants - Eomer S
- Juniors Year 3 & 4 - Ellie B
- Juniors Year 5 & 6 - Hetty B

Well done to everyone who took part!

### **Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics**

The Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics which were due to take place on Wednesday have been postponed until after half term. Further details of the new date will be sent to those involved nearer the time.

### **Pop Up Tuck Shop**

Next Friday at the end of school the Friends of Egton School will be holding a pop up tuck shop at the school gate. Items for sale will range in price from 20p to 50p.

### **Confirmation Year 5 and 6**

To enable us to know whether we need to plan a programme of summer confirmation classes and a confirmation service, **please could you let us know by email** if your child would like to be confirmed into the Church of England. Thank you.

Confirmation is the service at which children make for themselves the promises to God made on their behalf at their Baptism, usually by their parents and Godparents. It shows their desire to be committed as a Christian.

The minimum age for Confirmation is 9 years but there is no upper limit! Adults as well as children would be most welcome and we are able to pass on details of all interested parties.

### **Supporting Your Child with Year 6 Maths SATs**

Please see the poster below for details of a course which is being run by NYCC. With Year 6 SATs just around the corner, this course will provide you with increased knowledge of SATs content and how you can support your child. Please see the attached [poster](#) for dates and how to book your place.

### **Part-time Administrator Vacancy**

After eight years, Kelly has sadly decided to swap her laptop for a tractor! We will be very sorry to see her go and will miss the witty banter and funny stories that keep us smiling every day.

So, if you are up for a challenge or are looking for a change and would like to join our lively but happy school family, we are recruiting for a new part-time administrator starting April 2023. Further details can be found [HERE](#) or pop in for an informal chat about the role if you would like to know more. The closing date for applications is next Friday, 10th February.

### **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](mailto:alixhoste@hotmail.com) to discuss.

### **Forest School & Swimming**

Our next Forest school session will take place on Thursday 9th February for the Junior Class.

We will have our next whole school swimming session on Thursday 2nd March.

### **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.

<b>Swimming - Whole School</b>	Thursday 2nd, 16th & 30th March
<b>Forest School - Junior Class</b>	Thursday 9th February
<b>Break Up for Half Term</b>	Friday 10th February at 3.15pm
<b>Children Return to School</b>	Monday 20th February at 9.00am

Next week I will be at Egton on Tuesday and Thursday and Danby on Wednesday and Friday. On Monday I am at a meeting at another school.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

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### **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.

### **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](#)

### **School Dinner Menu**

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 aware the day before what option it is that week.

### **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](mailto:l.tokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

[l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

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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

### **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](mailto: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 contributions-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](mailto:villagehallegton@gmail.com). The bookings secretary will then get back to you.