



Autumn Newsletter – No 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy half-term we have had! Thank you so much for all your support. I have been overwhelmed by your support in my first half term and thank you massively.

Highlights:

‘Hello, Yellow’, this was a fantastic day and enjoyed by all. The sunshine yellow, certainly brought sunshine into our lives. The children had a wonderful time engaging in activities which promote positive mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Article 29: Goals of Education

The Sports Leaders have begun planning their calendar of events for next half-term and the year!

Charity Work:

Our annual Harvest Festival was a wonderful event in school and your donations of non-perishable foods have made a massive impact on those who are vulnerable within our community.

Article 17: Access to Information; Mass Media.

Next Half Term: Diary Dates:

Please find below diary dates to assist with your forward planning.

11th November	Remembrance Service, outside the front of school at 10.40am
12th November	Children in Need- the theme is ‘Beartastical!’ Come dressed in something which makes you feel un bear lievable! All donations to Children in Need to be made through ParentPay. We have a fun filled day planned!!
12th November	Oak Family Worship.
12th November	Winter Disco, the Friends of Eggescliffe will be sending further details after half-term.
16th November	Parent Consultations.
17th November	Parent Consultations.
19th November	Chestnut Yr1 Family Worship.
26th November	Christmas Fair! The children will be creating wonderful things to sell for Christmas alongside a raffle, tombola, cake stall, trade stall and a visit from a very special person! Ho Ho Ho!
29th November	Whole school share a book week, Mrs McCarthy will send further details after half term.
30th November	Y3 Sports Hall Athletics Event.
2nd December	Elm Family Worship.
2nd December	Reindeer Run–Reindeer Antlers will be available to buy for £2 in aid of Teesside Hospice.

2nd December	Christingle at St John's Church at 4.30pm all welcome
3rd December	P D Day – School closed to children.
6th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Nativity 2pm
7th December	Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Production 2pm
8th December	Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Production 2pm
9th December	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Production 2pm
10th December	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Production 2pm
15th December	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Nativity Worship at St John's 2pm
16th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity Worship at St John's 10.30am
16th December	Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Nativity Worship at St John's 2pm

P.D Days:

Please note school will be closed to children for professional development day...

3rd December 2021

4th January 2022

27th May 2022

21st July 2022

Article 31: Leisure, Play & Culture

Absences and Requests for Absence:

All children need to attend school every day to benefit from their education. It is central to raising standards and ensures all pupils fulfil their potential.

Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in school. I would like to thank you all for your sensitivity, commitment and diligence in following the Government guidance thoroughly.

As you will be aware Government regulations removed the right for a child to be absent from school for holidays. We would like to remind parents of this but also that they should submit a Request for Absence Form if children have a planned absence so that school are aware of the location of pupils. Our school minimum target for attendance is 96% and our registers are regularly checked for those that fall below expected attendance (90%). Should your child fall below this figure regrettably they are considered to be Persistent Absentees. When checking the registers it is also noted if a pupil has no recorded reason for absence. It is therefore vital that if your child is ill, that we receive a telephone call early each morning that they will not be attending. You are also required to provide copies of any recorded medical absences, we would be grateful if dentist, doctor or hospital cards/letters are provided to school for copying. Regrettably without this information, we are unable to record a medical absence. It will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Article 17: Access to Information; Mass Media.

Parent/Teacher Meetings:

We are continuing with the arrangements of two parent/teacher consultations with an appointment system this year. The online system will go live tomorrow on Wednesday 20th October for our SchoolCloud appointments on the 16th and 17th November from 3.30pm-6pm.

Article 17: Access to Information; Mass Media.

Shoebox – Operation “Christmas Child”

In conjunction with our church; St John the Baptist, we will be participating in Shoebox – Operation “Christmas Child”. We will be part of a worldwide community of thousands of supporters from all corners of the world making a difference at Christmas, for young people. A leaflet with further details will be given by pupil post before the end of the week. The deadline for handing in a shoebox is Friday 19th November.

Article 17: Access to Information; Mass Media.

Safeguarding:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the safety of our children when travelling to and from school. We have booked cycling proficiency for our children after Christmas to support their enthusiasm for cycling to school safely.

Article: Access to Information; Mass Media.

Year 6 SATs:

The Year 6 SAT's will be held the week beginning **9th May 2022**. It is very important that all Year 6 children have excellent attendance prior to the tests and are present in school for the whole period as these tests are national tests and cannot be taken at any other time.

In Spring 2 **we are having a Mock SAT's week**. This is an opportunity for the children to prepare for the forthcoming tests. We aim to ensure children feel comfortable and confident in the environment and be familiar with the set-up.

Article 28: Rights to an Education.

School Clubs:

After half term, our extra-curricular clubs are ready to be signed up for. Please find attached the timetable.

Please remember, from now on, only children who have paid before the club starts will be able to attend. It is important you log onto ParentPay to secure your child's place.

I would be pleased to hear of any additional activities, which the school could investigate providing for the children. Attendance at all clubs is dependent upon excellent behaviour. An adult must collect all children attending clubs after school promptly.

After school clubs cost £3 per session per child per club, with the exception of Wake Up & Shake Up and KS1 choir. This is to cover staffing costs, materials, licence fees and cleaning of equipment after all activities.

Payment should be made at the beginning of each term via ParentPay.

Article 15: Freedom of Association

Photographs:

There are times at school when we enhance the work that children are doing by using photographs and video to record and display their work and activities. The new GDPR requires the completion of a consent form for a wide variety of data purposes. If you haven't done so already **please** complete and return the **Annual GDPR Data Consent Form** through SchoolPing.

Our school photographer will be coming to school to take individual and family photos on **MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER**.

Article: Access to Information; Mass Media.

Dinner Money:

Payment must be made via ParentPay **in advance**. The cost of Autumn Term 2 meal payments will be £59.45 for children attending full time. Alternatively, the price per meal is £2.05 per day.

Article: Access to Information; Mass Media.

Packed Lunches:

Due to some children having a nut allergy we have a NO nut policy in school. I know you will understand the importance of this and support us to ensure all our children are safe. We also request that any packed lunches are kept within a plastic container.

Article: Access to Information; Mass Media.

Family Worship:

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of you back into school. The Family Worships have been a wonderful celebration of our wonderfully talented children.

Article: Access to Information; Mass Media.

Parent View:

Parent View allows parents and carers to give their views on their child's school at any time during an academic year. It is a 12-question survey (tick boxes without commentary) which can be completed following registration or the site can be accessed to find other people's views about a school. It can be accessed at: <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. It does not replace our own annual survey but is a way of providing additional information to Ofsted.

Article: Access to Information; Mass Media.

School Uniform:

If you wish to order any uniform the website access has proved to be swift and easy. With regards to jewellery only a watch is necessary, **rings and other jewellery are not permitted**. As we continue with our active lifestyle, children will be accessing all areas outside and will need to ensure they bring alternative footwear and socks for play times AND lunchtimes.

Article: Access to Information; Mass Media.

Christmas Break:

We will break up on Friday 17th December and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January. A full list of holidays for the academic year is on the school website.

Thank you again for your continued support- Eggescliffe truly is an amazing school!

Enjoy half-term and we will see you Monday 1st November.

Stay safe and well.

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