



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the year and had so much to celebrate!

It has been great to see our first half term has been action packed and this half term is no different! We will all be journeying to 'Wonderland' for World Book Day!

The Clamber Stack will be installed week commencing 6th March! We are all exceedingly excited and cannot wait for our new equipment to arrive.

As well as our Clamber Stack, our very tired and worn-out Trim Trail will also have a complete face-lift! A brand-new Trim Trail will be installed at the same time as the Clamber Stack and will provide endless joy for our wonderful children.

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Breakfast Club

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Breakfast Club and Extended Provision

The dedicated staff are carefully planning activities, which the children will enjoy including art, craft and design, cooking and other creative activities and games, as well as a wide range of sporting and physical activities using our climbing frames, fitness equipment, bikes and small apparatus.

Children will be collected from their classrooms and those who already attend other school clubs may attend Extended Provision when they finish.

This is a new venture and we are very excited. These sessions are offered as a service to parents and we endeavour to keep charges to a minimum. Staffing costs are the single largest cost and the number of children attending determines these. To maintain this facility, it is essential that the attendees are known in advance so that the correct staffing ratios are maintained. It also means that any non-attendance will be charged for.

We will operate a half-termly pre-booking system in order to organise staffing, activities and food supplies. There may be adhoc sessions available.

Should you like to book a session, please complete the form on Schoolping.

Breakfast Club

Morning session 7:30am – 8:40am including a light breakfast £5

Extended Provision

Reception- Year 6 Afternoon session Monday- Thursday 3:20pm-5:50pm including a snack £8.50

Nursery Afternoon session 15:20pm-17:50pm including a snack £10.50

Reception- Year 6 Afternoon session Monday- Thursday 4:20pm-5:50pm including a snack £5.50
(for children attending After School Club and coming to Extended Provision afterwards)

Reception- Year 6 Afternoon session FRIDAY 3:20pm-4:50pm including a snack £5.50

Nursery Afternoon session FRIDAY 3:20pm-4:50pm including a snack £7.50

Friends of Eggescliffe School Disco

On Thursday 16th February, Friends of Eggescliffe are hosting a School Disco
Early Years and Key Stage One- 5pm-6pm
Key Stage Two - 6.30pm-7.30pm

Tickets are £3 and available for payment through ParentPay

Extra sweets and tattoos are available to purchase on the night



World Book Day

This year World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 2 March** and we hope that you'll join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school. Reading is something that we really value at Eggescliffe CE Primary and we never underestimate the importance of children receiving enjoyment from their reading.

Framing changes to your celebrations around the cost of living crisis

Every year on World Book Day, we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We know that this year many families will find themselves in a difficult financial situation - we don't want our celebrations to be an additional burden. Dressing up or bringing books into school can be a big part of the celebrations and what families particularly enjoy about World Book Day. We ask that you consider the impact on the children who aren't able to take part in this way.

We will have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the day including:

- **An Eggescliffe Book Swap Shop.** Please drop off your unwanted books in the box outside the hall doors. Whether or not you've got a book to bring along to swap, come along from 2.30pm, enjoy a cuppa at the **'Mad Hatters Tea Party'** and browse and find something you might like to read with your child.

We will be dressing up this year. We want the children to use their costumes to share their favourite books and we encourage you to use things you already have at home.

- Just 3 items: can children create a character from just 3 items from home.
- Prefer non-fiction? Create a prop to share your interest with others
- Be creative and customise a t-shirt
- The cardboard challenge: create a key prop or clothing item.
- Make badges to advertise your book or character.



As our children grow, many costumes can be kept unused and unwanted. Therefore if you would like to bring in any unwanted costumes to share with someone who will 'love' it! We will be hosting a **costume swap** on **Thursday 16th February from 3.20pm in Year 6 classroom.** Why not come along and try something new.

'Mad Hatters Tea Party'

On Thursday 2nd March, the Friends will be holding a **'Mad Hatters Tea Party'** as part of our Book Swap Shop. I'm sure this will bring giggles and enjoyment for all. Doors will open from 2.30pm.





Red Nose Day!



We are excited to see your superhero come to life on the 17th of March 2023.
Dress as your favourite superhero to celebrate Red Nose Day at Eggescliffe Primary.



Ideas:

- Your favourite superhero such as Batman, Spiderman or Wonder Woman.
- You may have felt inspired from your STEM learning this week and may want to come as your favourite STEM hero, e.g. Albert Einstein or Jane Goodall.

Please do not go to an extra expense, you may just want to add a super hero accessory such as a home designed mask or t-shirt. Throughout the day we will be excited to share what super powers your hero has.

Easter

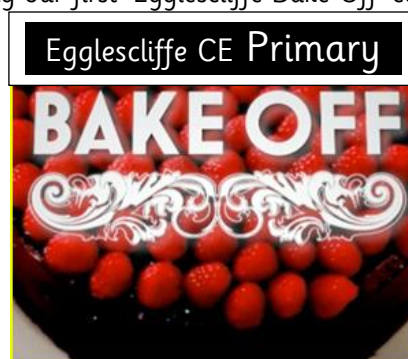


Easter Service

On Friday 31st March, we would like to invite you to an Easter Service at school at 10am which will be led by some of our children. The choir will also be singing and we hope some of our musicians will be able to showcase their talents.

Easter Fair- Thursday 30th March

This year, our Easter fair has a 'games' theme. There will be lots of exciting games for you and all your family to participate in and enjoy. The fair will be themed around 'Alice in Wonderland' which is the whole school's shared text. As part of the fair we will be hosting our first 'Eggescliffe Bake Off' competition!



We would like to invite you to create a culinary showstopper!

The theme is 'Alice in Wonderland'

All entries are to be brought to school at 1.30pm (at the latest) as we have a judging panel including two local chefs!
Prizes will be awarded for

1. Most creative
2. Tastiest experience

This is a family competition and we can't wait to see your culinary talents!

Year 6 SATs:

The Year 6 SAT's were planned to start on Tuesday **9th May- Friday 12th May 2023**

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 29: Goals of Education

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.

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**.

School starts at 8.50am and doors open from 8.40am, punctuality is formally recorded and we politely remind you that being prompt for school is important for your child.

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P.D Days:

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

26th May 2023

30st June 2023

As you may have read in the news, King Charles has announced Monday 8th May is a Bank Holiday due to his Coronation

Article: Access to Information; Mass Media.

Updated Calendar

	M		13	
	T		14	
	W		15	
	Th		16	School Disco
	F		17	
	M			
	T			
	W			
	Th			
	F			
	M		27	
	T		28	
MAR	W		1	Encounter Nursery/ Reception
	Th		2	World Book Day- A day of wonder!
	F		3	
	M		6	Clamber Stack and Trim Trail Installation
	T		7	
	W		8	
	Th		9	Year 1 Raby Castle Experience
	F		10	SEN Football Friendly Tournament
	M		13	STEM Week- British Science Week- Year 5/6 Cummins Experience
	T		14	Year 3/4 Cummins Experience
	W		15	Encounter Year 1/2
	Th		16	
	F		17	Red Nose Day- SUPERHEROES
	M		20	
	T		21	
	W		22	Encounter Year 3/4
	Th		23	
	F		24	Key Steps Gymnastics Competition
	M		27	Share One Book Week- Alice in Wonderland
	T		28	
	W		29	
	Th		30	EASTER FAIR
	F		31	Easter Service

Afterschool Clubs

Commencing 27th February- Wednesday 29th March

Day	Provision	Year Group	Time
Monday 6 weeks	Wake Up & Shake Up	Whole School	8.30 - 8.45
	KS1 Multi-Sports	R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20
	KS2 Computing	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
	KS2 Drama Club	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
Tuesday 6 weeks	Wake Up & Shake Up	Whole School	8.30 - 8.45
	Bee-Keeping Club	Whole School	3.20 – 4.20
	KS2 Football	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
	KS2 Art (Max 20)	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
	KS1 Gymnastics (Max 20)	R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20
Wednesday 6 weeks	Wake Up & Shake Up	Whole School	8.30—8.45
	KS2 Gymnastics (Max 20)	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
	KS2 Craft Club	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
	KS1 Godzone	R, Y1, Y2	3.20 – 4.20
Thursday 6 weeks	Wake Up & Shake Up	Whole School	8.30 - 8.45
	KS1 Craft club	R, Y1, Y2	3.20 – 4.20
	KS2 Netball (Max 20)	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
	Choir with Imogen from Eggescliffe Secondary School	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6	3.20 – 4.20

5x Weeks Block £15 up to Wednesday 29th March

Thursday clubs- x4 weeks £12

Wake Up Shake Up £20

All can be paid through ParentPay

Choir

Choir will be led by Imogen Conroy from Eggescliffe School. We are very excited about the opportunities she will bring to the choir and look forward to events in the future. We are excited to announce a performance on Thursday 27th April where the choir will showcase their talents!

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Thank you again for your continued support, this year has begun with gusto and I know we have a wonderful calendar of events planned ahead!

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term holiday!

Kind regards.

Mrs E Robertson

Head Teacher