

26th November 2023

Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your amazing support this half-term. We have so much to celebrate and I know we are all in need of a break to recharge our batteries ready for the festivities next half-term!

As the weather is very changeable, we ask that children bring a warm coat and a spare pair of shoes for active playtimes.

I hope you will all give Mrs Serewicz our new Office Manager a wonderful warm welcome! She is eager to get to know you all and the children.

Article 17: Access to Information; Mass Media.

Remembrance

We have poppies for sale after half-term. The children will be completing Remembrance activities in class and pictures will be shared through our social media platforms.



**We will
remember them**

Children in Need

A day to add- Children in Need! Friday 17th November. The theme this year is SPOTACULAR! There will be many things to 'spot' throughout the day. Children are asked to come in wearing a spotty something! There will be prizes for the most 'spotacular' something.... I wonder what your something will be?? The School Council will also be leading a competition....watch this space!



Christingle

On Friday 1st December at 10am we will be holding a Christingle service, it would be lovely if you could join us.



Whole school pantomime visit

On Tuesday 19th December, the whole school are going to watch 'Cinderella' at Yarm Alexandra Theatre. Tickets are £12 and include bus travel which will be available to pay through ParentPay.



Article 31: Leisure, Play & Culture

Progress Report:

The Progress Reports are due to go out on 6th December, this is an update as to how your child is progressing in English and Maths with a short comment from the teachers.

Article 29: Goals of Education

The Friends of Eggescliffe

The Friends of Eggescliffe have been very busy this half-term and have many events planned for after half-term. Please get in touch if you would like to join. The UV Disco was a huge success last night and the bright vibrant colours reflected the enjoyment of the children!

Remembrance

Christmas Fair 7th December 2.30pm- Everyone is invited for some festive fun and treats for the whole family and come and meet Santa!

Wreath making workshop 22nd November 6.30pm - come and make a festive wreath and enjoy a glass of mulled wine. Tickets are £20 and available to purchase through Parentpay.



Elf Workshop! - Elves have been busy collecting and organising presents ready for Christmas with Santa. Should children like to come and buy a gift for a loved one, they can come to the workshop and choose something from the helpful Elves!

Funds this year are all going towards a Multi-Use Games Area for the children! We are so active we need more space!



Earring

After October half-term we will be running a no earring policy in school. We are such an active school and have so many opportunities for the children including playtimes, lunchtimes, active learning, during P.E and afterschool that the safeguarding around earrings is becoming hard to manage. Many children are missing statutory P.E lessons due to newly pierced ears which is hard both for the children and us. Many children cannot take their earrings out themselves which is hard both for the children and us. Many children lose earrings which causes upset; this is hard both for the children and us. Many children get hair wrapped around the earrings which is hard both for the children and us. Many children struggle to come in with stud earrings which is against school policy which is hard both for the children and us.



Safeguarding:

Please could I remind everyone to check we do not park over the yellow zig-zags and keeping junctions clear. The Local Authority are looking at ways in which we can reduce congestion at busy times.

Staff Carpark

Only those with a Blue Badge are able to park in first few bays in the staff carpark. No cars should otherwise use the staff carpark. This is reserved for staff and visitors to the school.

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.

Year 6 SATs:

The Year 6 SAT's will be held the week beginning **13th May 2024**. 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.

Packed Lunches:

A packed lunch can make a valuable contribution to your child's diet and future health. It is important to include a balanced variety of foods so that your child can get all the nutrients they need. Recent surveys looking at children's lunchboxes found that they were too high in fat (especially saturated fat), salt and sugar, and just under half of lunchboxes contained no fruit. This leaflet provides practical tips for you and your child on how to prepare a healthier lunchbox. At Eggescliffe, **we have a NO NUT policy**, we ask that you check the ingredients in your child's packed lunch box to ensure products do not contain any nuts to safeguard everyone.

Article: Access to Information; Mass Media.

P.D Days:

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

8th December 2023

16th February 2024

3rd and 4th June 2024

Wishing you all a restful half-term!



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	13	Theme: Friendship	
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	17		Children in Need - Spotacular
	20	Theme: Light that brings hope	
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	22		Wreath Making Workshop
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	27	Theme: Light that brings peace	
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	29		Whole school Young Carer workshop
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	4	Theme: Light that brings love	
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	6		Progress update to parents
	7	Christmas Fair	Early Years Christmas Play 10am
	8		Professional Development Day
	11	Theme: Advent	
	12		Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas play 2pm
	13		Nursery and Reception Christmas party
	14		Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas play 2pm
	15		Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party
	18	Theme: Christmas	Year 5/6 Christmas Party
	19		Whole school pantomime visit