

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

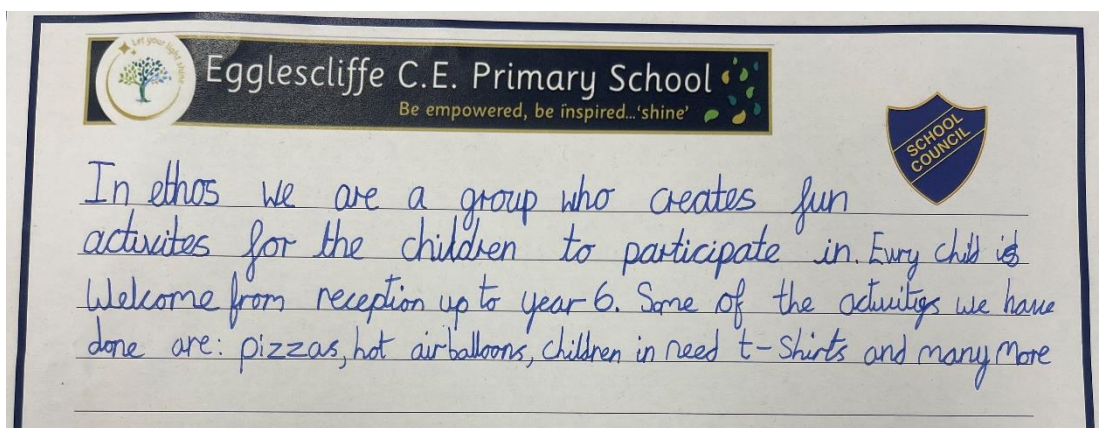
Safer Internet Day

On the 6th February we joined in with the worldwide focus on Safer Internet Day. Children across school spent time exploring the positives and risks of accessing things online. Our focus has been to open up communication between children and adults about what they are accessing online and how it makes them feel. This is something that is key both in school and at home to help keep children safe online and use it in a positive manner. Our KS2 Digital Leaders had the opportunity of attending E-Safety workshops at Yarm Prep which included working with specialists from Google and other companies to develop their knowledge of E-Safety, that we can then apply across school.



School Council

Our School Councillors have been rewarding random acts of kindness this week. If your child has received a 'star' sticker, this is an acknowledgment of the kindness they have shown. The house team with the most 'stars' will receive a bonus of 15 team points.



Proud to be part of..

We are so proud of our children and their many achievements. Next half-term we look forward to seeing and hearing more about:

Royal Opera Big Sing

Archbishop Young Leaders Award

Big Bird Watch



Changing lives through a love of books and reading

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
7 MARCH 2024

Save the Date!

World Book Day is on **Thursday 7th March** and we're celebrating! We would love our school community to come together to celebrate World Book Day in school. Reading is something that we really value and we never underestimate the importance of reading for pleasure.

We will have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the day. Here's a snapshot:

- **A whole school 'Drop Everything and Read':** Staff will share their favourite picture book.
- **'Growing a Story':** We will be continuing this whole school tradition but with a twist! This year, we're drawing it!
- **We will be dressing up this year:** We want the children to use their costumes to share 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:** Customise a t-shirt
 - **The cardboard challenge:** Upcycle and create a key prop or clothing item.
 - **Make badges:** Advertise your book or character.
- **An Eggescliffe Book Swap Shop:** Throughout the week, please drop off your preloved 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 and browse and find something you might like to read with your child.
- **Share a Story Corner:** Share a pic of your child snuggled up with a favourite book.

Where will your reading journey take you?

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

Red Nose Day

On 15th March we will be celebrating 'Red Nose Day' and we will dance the day away! Children are invited to wear their P.E kit for the day to embrace the many activities planned.

**EASTER
WORSHIP**

Easter Worship

Please join us for our Easter Worship on Tuesday 26 March at 9.30am. Please join us from 9am for Hot Cross Buns and a cuppa. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate. During the worship we will see from our dance group, hear from our choir, soloists and instrumentalists. We hope to see you all there.

Friends of Eggescliffe:



The Friends of Eggescliffe will be running an Easter Fair on Thursday 28th March. To make the event a success we are looking for any donations of Easter themed chocolates and sweets for the tombola, any donation big or small can really make a big difference.

We are looking for volunteers to support at our Easter Fair or if any parents or family members work for a company that would be able to match fund the event please let the Friends know by emailing friendsofeggescliffe@outlook.com, as this could make a huge impact in our fundraising.

Afterschool Clubs

Commencing 26th February

Day	Provision	Year Group	Time
Monday 5 weeks	R & KS1 Football with MFC	R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20
	R & KS1 Diva Dance	R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20
	KS2 Film Club with Mr Moody	Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
	KS2 Netball (starting 4 th March- will run for 4 weeks)	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
Tuesday 5 weeks	Bee-Keeping Club	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
	KS2 Hockey with MFC	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
	R & KS1 Project Evolve	R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20
Wednesday 5 weeks	KS1 Craft club with Mrs Stokeld and Mrs Oliver	R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20
	KS2 Art Club with Mr Hanratty	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
	Y5&6 Football with Mr Kirby	Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
Thursday 4 weeks	KS2 Dance with Mrs Holgate (Max 20)	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
	R & KS1 Story Encounter with Mrs Howard (Max 20)	R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20

5x Weeks Block £15 Monday- Wednesday

4x weeks block on Thursday £12 (no After School Club on Thursday 28th March due to the Easter Fair)

All require payment through Parentpay.

Watch this space!

We are looking forward to hosting and organising:

KS1 Football Tournaments

KS2 Football Tournaments

Gymnastics Competition

Hockey Tournament

Early Years Festival



Foundation



A huge thanks to Mr Deveraux who will be leading the training for the Key Steps Gymnastics Team and to Mr Kirby who will be training the Football Team.

Yarm Library

Yarm Library are setting up a Junior Book for children aged 8-11 and are currently taking details of interested children. The club will run monthly after school with a maximum of 8 children, and will include discussion about books the children are reading and enjoying alongside activities such as designing covers, reviewing books, talking about illustrations etc.

Parents / guardians can sign the children up by coming into the library or by contacting us on 01642 528152 or emailing yarm.library@stockton.gov.uk. If you need any more details, please just let me know.

Year 6 SATs:

The Year 6 SAT's are planned to start on **Monday 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 29: Goals of Education

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 8.35am, punctuality is formally recorded and we politely remind you that being prompt for school is important for your child.

P.D Days:

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

16th February 2024

3rd and 4th June 2024

As we venture into sunnier times we are looking forward to the wider outdoor activities we have planned.

Thank you for a wonderful half-term, we have such an amazing school and so much to celebrate together.

Mrs E Robertson
Head Teacher