



Newsletter  
Happy New Year!



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely start to the New Year!

It has been wonderful to hear of all the wonderful adventures the children have had over the Christmas holiday. They have returned with bounce and enthusiasm for the new year ahead.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Office Team, Mrs Rye and Mrs Holgate who are eager to commence their new positions this week. Mrs Holgate continues to be our Wellbeing Lead supporting our children with their emotional wellbeing.

Article 31: Leisure, Play & Culture

**Year 6 SATs:**

The Year 6 SAT's were planned to start on Monday **13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Parent View:**

Article 29: Goals of Education

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.

**Parent Consultation Meetings**

Parent Consultation meetings are planned for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm-5.40pm. The booking system will be live from 6pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January to book your chosen time slots.

**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...

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

## Afterschool Clubs

Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Day	Provision	Year Group	Time
<b>Monday</b> <b>6 weeks</b>	Wake Up & Shake Up	Whole School	8.30 - 8.45
	R & KS1 Football	R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20
	KS2 STEM	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>6 weeks</b>	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
	R & KS1 Project Evolve	R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>6 weeks</b>	Wake Up & Shake Up	Whole School	8.30—8.45
	KS1 Craft club	R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20
	KS2 Art Club with Mr Hanratty	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
<b>Thursday</b> <b>6 weeks</b>	Wake Up & Shake Up	Whole School	8.30 - 8.45
	KS2 Dance <b>(Max 20)</b>	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	3.20 – 4.20
	R & KS1 Story Encounter <b>(Max 20)</b>	R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20

6x Weeks Block **£18** up to Thursday (last day of club Thursday 16th February)

Wake Up Shake Up **£20**

## A look ahead this half-term

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	8	Theme: Followers	
	9		Year 4 Netball Skills Festival
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	11		Bikeability Year 6
	12		EFL Kids Cup- Year 6 // Booking for Parent Consultations opens
	15	Theme: Trinity	
	16		Reception- Multi-Sports Festival
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	18		
	19		
	22	Theme: Our God	
	23		Bikeability Year 5
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	25		
	26		
	29	Theme: Our World	
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	31		
FEB	1		
	2		
	5	Theme: Our community	Online Safety. Digital Leaders Trip
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	7		Parent Consultations 3.30pm-6pm
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	12	Theme: Passion for knowledge	Anti-bullying week- OR
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	15		Valentines Disco
	16		Professional Development Day

## Choir

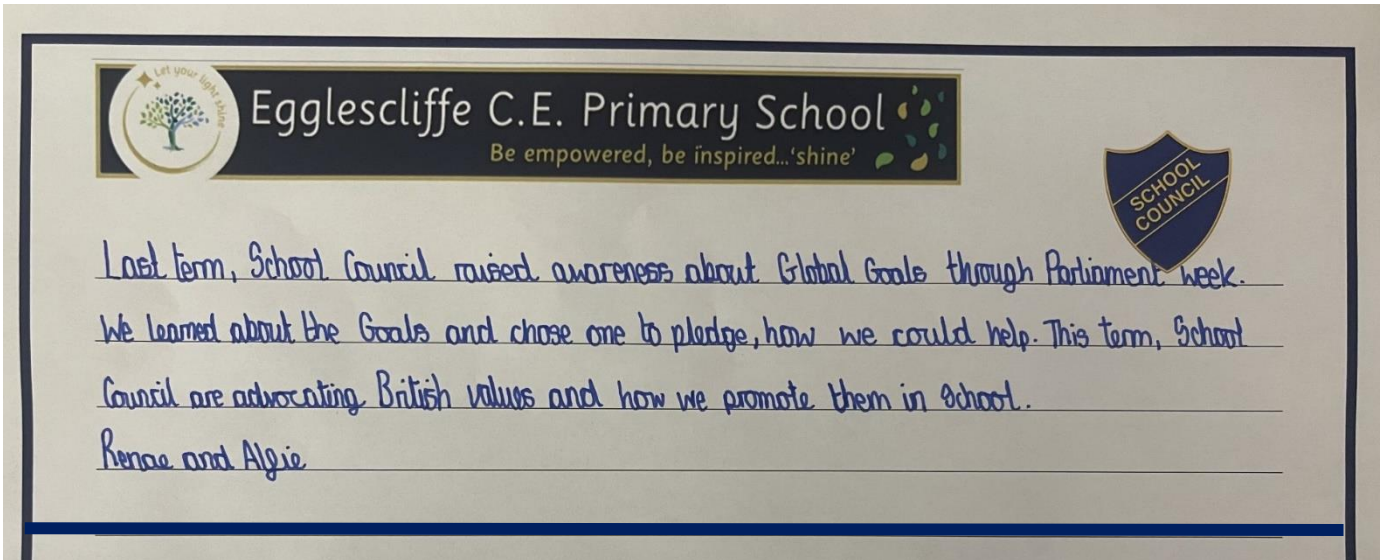
Choir will be led by Bridie Bailey from Eggescliffe School during the school day on a Tuesday. All children in Key Stage Two are welcome to join (there is no charge). We are very excited about the opportunities she will bring to the choir and look forward to events in the future. Our children are hugely talented and creating a platform for them to come together is very special.



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## School Council

An update from some of our School Councillors...



Article 29: Goals of Education

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 2024!

Kind regards.

Mrs E Robertson

Head Teacher