



Egginton Primary School Newsletter

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

FEBRUARY 2024

4th March

PTA Meeting

5th March

Book Bus Visit

8th March

World Book Dress-Up
Day

11th March

Boccia Competition

14th March

Spring Disco

20th March

Non-Uniform day for
Easter Bingo

22nd March

Easter Bingo (3.30pm)

28th March

Celebration Assembly
Easter Holiday

15th April

Return to school

6th May

Bank Holiday

13th May

Y6 SATs week begins

21st May

School Photographs

22nd –24th May

Y5/6 Residential

24th May

Celebration Assembly

Rock Steady!

On 1st February, the children were treated to a surprise 'Rock Music' assembly! They learned about electric guitars, drums and keyboards and sang along to 'We Will Rock You' whilst Mr Banister played keyboard and Mrs Jones played drums. They were all so engaged and we hope to offer the opportunity for the children to play in school band workshops in the future!



Love in a Box!

I would like to thank all of you who were involved in filling shoeboxes for the 2023 'Love in a Box' Christmas Shoebox Appeal. I am very pleased to tell you that, thanks to the contributions, 2,951 shoeboxes from the Derby area were sent to children living in poverty in Romania.

The charity that we supported, Teams4U, sent a total of 64,045 shoeboxes to children in Eastern Europe, an increase of 1,471 from 2022. Some of the warehouse volunteers went to help deliver the shoeboxes bringing some joy to children who would otherwise have received nothing at Christmas!



Winter Warmer

Our School Council really enjoyed organising their own fundraising event before half-term, selling scarfs, hats and gloves for their 'Winter Warmer'. They would like to offer their thanks to everyone who supported them. In total, they raised an amazing £54, which is brilliant.



World Book Week

On Monday 4th March, we start our celebration of reading with World Book Week. On Tuesday 5th, please remember that we have a special visit from the 'Book Bus' and the children will be able to hop on and have the chance to buy something exciting to read!



Attendance

Attendance Matters



Our overall attendance for this year has been 95.37% which is slightly above the government target of 95%.

If your child's attendance has dropped below the government recommended target, you will receive a letter indicating their current percentage. If it is 90% or less, this is considered 'Persistent Absenteeism' by DCC.

Join the PTA!



hello SPRING

On Thursday 14th March, we are having a PTA Spring Disco to raise money for the school.

Also, on Friday 22nd March from 3.30pm, we are hosting a PTA Easter Bingo—a great opportunity to win some chocolate!



Online Safety



On the 6th February, Louisa Abbey from Burton Albion Football Club delivered a Safer Internet Day assembly to teach pupils the importance of staying safe online, especially when using mobile phones.

Playground Designers!

Earlier this month, pupils from Nightingale class designed their own assault course using play equipment. It was so popular, that pupils from all year groups wanted to try it out!



A little bit extra...



Reem Kelani

In February, we have learned about Reem Kelani and the children have enjoyed finding out about her life and also listening to some of her wonderful compositions—her most famous being 'Spring Gazelle' You can sample some of these [here...](#)

Phunky Foods



Why not try out our 'Recipe of the Month' at home?

Tasty Tortilla

Click on the link [here](#) to watch a video and enjoy a delicious treat with all the family...

Free School Meals

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Pssst

Did you know that all reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free meal at lunchtime regardless of family income?

And if your child is in year 3 or above, they may also be eligible, if you receive one of the qualifying benefits.



Just log into the new speedy free school meal checker system to see if your child is eligible. Scan the QR code and it will take you straight there.

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If school meals are free for reception, year 1 and year 2 - why do I still need to apply?

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 get free school meals, but if you receive one of the qualifying benefits you may also get help with:

- the cost of residential school trips
- travel costs to school
- school uniform costs
- music lessons at school

For every child registered for free school meals, schools receive a pupil premium payment each year. This will be used to help your child achieve their best at school.

Use the QR code overleaf to access the portal and check your eligibility.

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