



Egginton Primary School Newsletter

JANUARY 2024

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

6th February

Safer Internet Day

15th February

Non-uniform day
Celebration Assembly
Half term holiday

16th February

INSET Day

26th February

Return to school

28th February

Parents' Evening

8th March

World Book Dress-Up
Day

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

Top 20 in 2023!

We are delighted to announce that in a recent article published by the 'Derbyshire Times' website, we are in the top 20 of schools in Derbyshire based on our most recent Reading, Writing and Maths Y6 SATs results.



You can see the article by clicking [here...](#)

Winter Warmer

Our School Council are really keen on raising some money for new school playground equipment. If you do have any donations for their forthcoming Winter Warmer event, please do hand them in as soon as possible—they are very excited as they are planning the whole thing themselves!



Tree Chipping...

On 6th January, one of our Reception parents, Mr Stone, kindly agreed to turn unwanted Christmas trees into chippings for us to use at school. All of the fees for his service were donated to the school, which has raised a brilliant £187 for future projects! We are incredibly grateful and offer our sincere thanks.

CHRISTMAS
TREE
CHIPPING



Swimming

The children have now been swimming for three weeks and are all thoroughly enjoying the lessons. Mrs Carr also tells me that the girls love wearing their hair wraps when they leave!



Amazing Archery

Huge congratulations to all of the pupils who performed brilliantly last Monday in the local archery competition at Stenson Fields Primary School. They had many different challenges, each of which earned points. In the end, Egginton scored 81 and were declared the winners! Each pupil received a medal and certificate and the school won a trophy—all we need now is a cabinet to put it in!



John Port Theatre

On Monday, the Y5/6 pupils enjoyed a visit to John Port to watch a performance of 'Annie'. They had a brilliant time and were thoroughly entertained! Mr Banister said 'It was a really good production and the children behaved brilliantly'.



Attendance

Attendance Matters



Our overall attendance for this year has been 95.68% which is slightly above the government target of 95%.

We are really pleased that the attendance at school overall has been so positive!

Join the PTA!



Happy Valentine's Day

On Thursday 15th February, we are having a non-uniform day to raise money for the school PTA.

The children can come to school all dressed in red as a celebration of Valentine's Day.

Online Safety

Safer Internet Day 2024 | Tuesday
6 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Find lots of resources all about keeping safe online [here](#). The children will be learning more about this in school next week...

Bubble Blowing Science

Back on January 18th in temperatures of -6° , pupils in MacArthur class had an impromptu science lesson in the outdoor classroom learning how to catch bubbles without popping them!!



A little bit extra...



Florence Price

This year, we have introduced 'Musician of the Month' in order to develop the pupils' knowledge of music from around the world.

In January, we have learned about Florence Price and the children have enjoyed finding out about her life and also listening to some of her wonderful compositions.

You can sample some of these [here](#)...

Phunky Foods



The Phunky Foods #CookTogether campaign aims to encourage families to cook together at weekends.

Working with your children to create tasty meals is not only good for their independence and learning around healthy eating, it can also be an incredibly rewarding and bonding experience. Whether you're teaching basic skills to them, or mastering new skills together; it's all about the team work.

You can find some fun, simple recipes for you and your children to try out at home. Watch the videos, download the recipes and give it a go [here](#)...

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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County Council

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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