



Egginton Primary School

Newsletter



DECEMBER 2023

Merry Christmas
& **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

8th January

Return to school

9th January

Rocksteady Assembly

15th January

KS2 swimming starts

Closing date for
September 2024
admissions

16th January

PTA Meeting

12th February

Valentine's Disco
(TBC)

15th February

Celebration
Assembly

Half Term

16th February

INSET Day

26th February

Return to school

28th February

Parents' Evening

Goodbye Mrs Hammond...

After 27 years of teaching at Egginton Primary School, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Hammond. She has organised many sports days and visits over the years as well as fundraising events for Footprints Orphanage – recently we have raised £212.60 in total from 'Break the Rules Day', Y5/6 Enterprise in the summer, 'Welly Wanging' and the 'Guess Who' competition at the Christmas Fayre. She will be greatly missed by us all and we wish her all the best for her future adventures.

Sadly, we must also say goodbye to Mrs Lawrenson (our dinner server) and Mrs Tillen (our lunchtime supervisor) who we will also really miss...



Christmas Fayre!

We really enjoyed our Christmas Fayre back on Friday December 1st. From the singing of a Christmas song at the end of the day to the beautifully lit gazebos in the school garden and the refreshments, fun and games available in the hall. We would like to thank the PTA for all of their hard work in organising the event and are delighted to announce that we raised a fantastic £500 for the school which has helped towards the transport to the Derby Arena for our trip to the Pantomime.



Fantastic Fencing!

Pupils from Y2 to Y5 were showing off their fencing skills at Stenson Fields Primary School in a competition recently. They did an amazing job competing against pupils from two other schools and we are so proud of them.



Balanceability!

On December 6th, pupils from Reception and Year 1 had an opportunity to practise their cycling skills on Balance Bikes in the school hall and had so much fun.



'To be all that I can be...'

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this term is 96.1%. A breakdown of your child's attendance will be sent out in the new year.

Remember—anything over 95% is considered good. 91%-94% is a cause for concern and 90% or below is classed as 'Persistent Absenteeism' by DCC.

Mother Goose!



What a brilliant time we had at Derby Arena yesterday (Oh yes, we did!).

It was such an entertaining performance, bringing lots of joy and laughter to everyone.

We would really like to thank our PTA for their contribution towards the cost of the transport as well as providing sweet treats for the interval!

Hello Santa!



On Wednesday, after our Christmas Dinner, Santa visited each class to get the children into the Christmas Spirit even more. The children were very excited to receive some presents!

Online Safety



With Christmas coming up and technology perhaps being high on Christmas wish lists, please click [here](#) to learn more about staying safe online during the festive period...

Jubilee Club Singing...



On Friday 15th December, we performed a singing concert to the Jubilee Club—the children really got into the Christmas spirit, finishing with a lovely rendition of 'Away in a Manger'.



Oh, Christmas Trees!

We have been donated a Christmas tree from Emma Sparks in Sutton on the Hill which I'm sure you've all seen at the school entrance. I would like to thank her for this kind gesture as well as Mrs Carr and all of the children who helped to decorate it. We also decorated a tree to display at Etwall Church for the Christmas Tree Festival.



Spring Clubs

For the first part of the spring term we shall continue with our MultiSports club on Tuesdays and a Boccia club on Wednesdays. For those of you who may not be aware of Boccia, please check out this [video](#) from 'Boccia England'.



A little bit extra...

The Twinkly Nativity!

Our Christmas Performance at St Wilfrid's Church on the 13th December was fantastic. The children really did excel with some wonderful singing and acting. We are so grateful to be able to perform at the church and also to Mr Farrow, our chair of governors for sorting out the sound system.



Phunky Foods...

Phunky Foods will be our new initiative in school to try to help children understand the importance of being healthy and keeping fit.



You can have a look at the Phunky Foods [website](#) and learn more about healthy lifestyles...

Checkout some of the delicious recipes that you could make over the Christmas holiday—maybe even take a few pictures of your creations and share them on Class Dojo!

Click [here](#) for videos on cooking together and [here](#) for the full range of recipes.

Mr Cunningham would love to try [these](#) for Christmas!

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.



SCAN ME

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.



DERBYSHIRE 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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