

EGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Headteacher:

Mr Richard Kitching

November 2021



There is a palpable level of excitement in the school as we approach the festive season. Rehearsals for the Nativity are in full swing and Christmas songs and carols are starting to become a regular feature of assemblies and music lessons. The snow that fell on the last weekend of November has also added to the festive feel! I sent out a letter on Parentmail on 25th November detailing the Christmas events that are coming up in school over the next few weeks. As ever, we remain bound by any restrictions that may be imposed on us due to Covid-19 (particularly with the emergence of the new Omicron variant) but we are optimistic that our end of term plans and festivities can go ahead. We look forward to seeing Parents and Carers at the Nativity at St. Wilfrid's and the Carols and Cake PTA fundraiser event.

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Children in Need 2021

Children in Need was well supported this year with our pupils and staff coming to school on the 19th November dressed in a variety of spotty themed clothing attire. We all enjoyed participating in the Joe Wicks live stream exercise class in the hall first thing in the morning to get our blood pumping. The children carried on throughout the rest of the day with a various Children in Need themed activities. Overall, we raised £100.15 for Children in Need some additional donations arriving the following week. Thank you to everyone for your support.



Anti-Bullying Theme Week

Our pupils once again participated in the national Anti-bullying theme week. This year's event was from 15th November to 19th November and the theme was 'One Kind Word'. Throughout the week our pupils engaged in a range of learning tasks and assemblies around this theme and they demonstrated a mature and responsible attitude towards this national initiative.

ONE KIND WORD

Anti-bullying Week 2021

Cold Weather Clothing

With the cold weather now firmly set in for the winter, please can we remind parents and carers to ensure their children come to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves/mittens. Many thanks!





Covid-19 Update

Covid-19 cases remain high in the South Derbyshire area and we ask that parents and carers continue to work with us to help reduce the spread of the virus as much as possible in order to stop people falling ill as well as causing disruption to learning.

A reminder that if your child has any of the 3 main Covid-19 symptoms, please do not send them into school. Please book a **PCR test** as soon as possible and only bring them back to school if this is recorded as negative.

The three main symptoms as identified by the NHS are:

- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change in taste or smell
- A high temperature

Also, if you are identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace, please book a PCR test as soon as possible.

Further information about Covid-19 symptoms, how to book a PCR test and how to order lateral flow tests for your family can be found in the following links.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Thank you for your continued support in relation to stopping the spread of the virus.

Free School Meals applications

This is just a reminder that if you think that your child may be eligible for free school meals please click on the link below to apply:



<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/primary-admissions/parentsguide/more-information/school-meals/am-i-entitled-to-free-school-meals.aspx>

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Date	Event
3 rd December	Non-Uniform day in return for PTA raffle donation*
7 th December	Flu Vaccination Day
9 th December	Film Club (after school 3.20pm to 5.15pm approx.)
10 th December	Pantomime visit to school – Red Riding Hood
10 th December	KS2 Create Club
14 th December	Christmas Party day*
15 th December	Christmas Dinner day
16 th December	Nativity Performance – ‘The Wiggly Nativity’ – 9.45am start at St. Wilfrid’s Church, Egginton (2 parents/carers per family)*
16 th December	Professor McGinty visit to KS2 classes
17 th December	Carols and Cake PTA fundraiser – 2.30pm to 4pm*
21 st December	Celebration Assembly and Last day of term
10 th January 2022	School reopens to staff and pupils

- Please see the letter sent out on Parentmail on 25th November 2021 for further details about these events.