



# Egginton Primary School

## Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2023

### UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

Friday 1st December

Christmas Fayre

Monday 4th December

Whitemoor Lakes Meeting

Fencing Competition

6th December

Balanceability for R/Y1

11th December

Goalball Competition

12th December

Flu Vaccinations

13th December

Christmas Nativity @ Church

15th December

Christmas Singing to the Jubilee Club

20th December

Christmas Dinner & Parties

21st December

Pantomime @ Derby Arena

22nd December

Celebration Assembly

Christmas Holiday

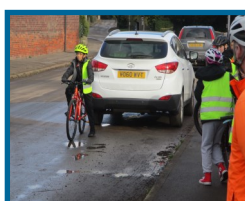
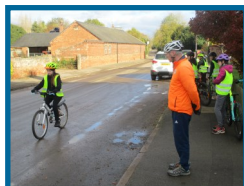
8th January

Return to school

15th January

KS2 Swimming starts

## Bikeability Brilliance!



Our pupils from Y4 to Y6 had great fun developing their cycling skills earlier this month. Year 6 pupils completed their Level 2 award and showed great confidence when cycling on the road safely and Year 5 pupils completed their Level 1 award on the school playground. There was also an opportunity for pupils in Year 4 to develop their confidence when riding their bikes and it was lovely to see so many smiles on so many faces. We now look forward to Reception and Y1 children completing their 'Balanceability' session on 6th December.

## Dodgeball Delight!

On Monday November 27th, our Y5/6 pupils took part in a Dodgeball competition at Etwall Leisure Centre. It was a brilliant event and the children really enjoyed themselves. There was lots of dodging, ducking and diving as well as some amazing throwing and catching. A big thank you to Mr Banister for organising it and to all the parents who kindly helped with transport.



## Remembrance

Earlier this month, in conjunction with Betty's Farm, our children made a poppy from an egg box each. This was to contribute towards a remembrance wreath challenge, which you can see in the picture. It looks amazing and our children are very proud to have contributed towards it.



## Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently at **96.4%**. The government target is 95% and so we are really pleased that we are above this at the moment. With the winter period upon us and the likelihood of coughs and colds increasing, please read the following [guidance](#) from the NHS about whether your child is too ill to go to school.

## Children in Need



On 17th November we held a non-uniform day for Children In Need. The children also took part in a Joe Wicks workout, which was a lot of fun. Altogether, we have raised £54.50 from your donations. Thank you!



## Online Safety

Our latest online safety guide from the National College provides parents and carers with all they need to know about Smart TVs.

Please find it attached, alongside this newsletter.



## Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 1st December from 3.30pm until 6.00pm and we hope you are able to come along and support. There will be games, an outdoor grotto and refreshments available to help us all begin the festive season. Our children will also begin the event with a lovely Christmas song!

Join the PTA!



## Archery Club

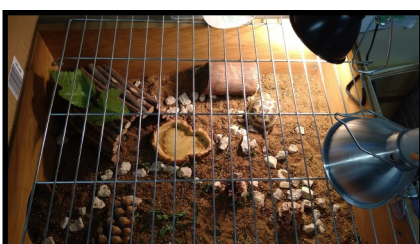
Our Archery club has been very popular and the children are getting really good! So many of them have been hitting the bullseye - we hope to enter the pupils into a competition in the new year. I'm sure they'd give Robin Hood a run for his money!



## A little bit extra...

### Steve, the Tortoise Returns!

It has been wonderful to welcome Steve, the tortoise back to MacArthur Class after his long holiday. He has a brand new home in the classroom and the children have loved having the opportunity to see him again. Our plan for the raised beds in the school garden is to grow food for Steve to eat.



### Christmas Market

The Victorian Matlock Christmas Market returns this weekend...



The popular event, at Hall Leys Park, is operating between 9am and 6pm on each day. The market houses around 200 stalls in two marquees across the park, whilst entertainment is provided too. Visitors will discover a winter wonderland with unique gifts and crafts for everyone. Other highlights include a Santa's Grotto, funfair rides and a spectacular firework finale on Sunday evening.

### 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.

**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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