



# Egginton Primary School

## Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2023

### UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

3rd October

Boccia Competition

9th October

KS2 Open Centre Visit

20th October

Harvest Festival

24th October

Flu Vaccinations

26th October

Halloween Disco

27th October

Celebration Assembly

Half Term

6th November

Term starts

9th/10th November

Y6 L2 Bikeability

13th November

Y4/5 L1 Bikeability

16th November

Basketball Competition

27th November

Dodgeball Competition

11th December

Goalball Competition

21st December

Pantomime

22nd December

Celebration Assembly

## Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the summer holiday. I would like to thank you all for your continued support during my first two terms as headteacher at Egginton Primary. The children have made a great start to the new academic year. The new Reception children have settled in quickly—they are enjoying making new friends and learning new things. Our whole school topic theme is **'In their Shoes'** which will look at how we can all learn from the things that other people have done in their lives.

## Premier Education

We have a new sports provider this year in the form of Premier Education. They are now providing 2 lunchtime clubs and two after school clubs each week which have been well received by the children. Mr Blake is in on a Tuesday and Mr Atkins on Wednesdays. We currently have a few spaces on Tuesday for MultiSports club, if anyone is interested. The fencing club on Wednesday is currently fully booked.



## Etwall Football

Our Year 5/6 pupils took part in a Football Tournament at Etwall on Monday and both Mr Banister and I were delighted with their performance. Out of 4 games, we won 1, drew 1 and lost 2. There was a great team spirit and all of the pupils involved really enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to all of the parents who came to support the team as well—we look forward to more competitions soon—'Boccia' is our next event next week.



## Outdoor Classroom

I'm sure many of you will have noticed the amazing transformation of the school garden. This has been largely down to Mrs Burdon and other parent volunteers over the summer holiday and recent weekends. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved and are all looking forward to using this amazing space.



## Attendance

A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please phone or email the school office before 9.30am on the day of the absence. Further details about attendance and absence can be found in our Attendance Policy on the school website.

## Join the PTA!



Our PTA has had a really successful year, raising over £5000 for the school. We are keen to carry on the good work and have great plans for this year in terms of fundraising — we are very keen to develop our outdoor space in particular.



## Online Safety

Now that we are back at school, check out these useful tips for staying safe online from the National College...

## British Values

On Monday, we had Megan from the Police and Emma from the Fire Service to talk about safety. This was linked to the British values of 'Mutual Respect' and 'Rule of Law'. On Thursday, Y2 and Y5/6 pupils had further talks from Emma linked to fire safety, where they learned about many things,



including what causes fires and how to deal with fires if they happen at home.

## A little bit extra...

### MacMillan Coffee Morning



On 16th October, in conjunction with Egginton Village, we shall be holding a coffee morning in the Willow Hall. The time for this is still yet to be confirmed but it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible for a hot drink, cake and a chat. If anyone is able to make cake donations, please contact Mrs Pepper.

### Family Fun



A FREE day of family fun to celebrate our county's nature and celebrating a growing vision for a greener, wilder Derbyshire.

Click [here](#) for more details and to book tickets...

### 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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