



# Egginton Primary School Newsletter

## UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

15th April

Return to school

17th April

PTA Meeting

25th April

Film Night?

29th April

Handball Competition

6th May

Bank Holiday

13th May

Y6 SATs week begins

21st May

School Photographs

22nd –24th May

Y5/6 Residential

24th May

Celebration Assembly

Half term

3rd June

Return to school

20th June

Whole school visit to the  
Heights of Abraham

2nd –3rd July

John Port Y6 Induction  
Days

19th July

Summer Holiday

MARCH 2024

## Crazy Curling

On 4th March, Y3 children entered a Curling competition at Etwall Leisure Centre. They worked really well as a team and we are so proud of them for giving their best!



## World Book Week

We had a fantastic week working from our whole school text called 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner. From lily pads to crime scene investigations to suspect interviews—the children have worked brilliantly and particularly enjoyed dressing up as book characters on Friday 8th March.



## Brilliant Boccia

On Monday 11th March, we had great fun at a Boccia competition.



## The Book Bus!

We were lucky enough to have a visit from the Book Bus as part of our World Book Week celebrations. The children had an amazing time and loved having the opportunity to use their World Book Day token towards the cost of their own book. Overall, £402 worth of books were sold which earned the school a lovely commission of £60!



The pupils took part in a range of accuracy games as a warm up before some skills based activities that earned points. After a very close contest, Egginton were announced as the winners and won another trophy to add to the Archery competition we won in February! We are so proud of their achievement and look forward to the Handball competition next month!

## Attendance

### Attendance Matters



Our overall attendance for this year has been 95.53% which is slightly above the government target of 95%.

If your child's attendance has dropped below the government recommended target, you will receive a letter indicating their current percentage. If it is 90% or less, this is considered 'Persistent Absenteeism' by DCC.

## Play Equipment

Earlier this month, pupils from MacArthur class visited the Catherine Jonathan Playing Field to see the installation of the new play equipment. This inspired them to design and make their own models. Take a look at some of their work.



## Online Safety



Please look at some great advice linked to online safety from Skips Safety Net [here](#). We are also attaching a useful guide about cyberbullying alongside this newsletter.



**Family First** is a free publication that covers everything you and your family need in order to build a happier and healthier lifestyle. Click [here](#) for more information

## Join the PTA!



# hello SPRING

On Thursday 14th March, we had our PTA Spring Disco and the children loved it. They also had an amazing time at the Easter Bingo on March 22nd. There were Easter eggs galore and a great deal of happy faces!

The PTA would also like to thank Derbyshire County Council's Community Leadership Fund for their very kind and generous donation of over £1000 to the PTA to support our 2023/24 projects!

## A little bit extra...



## Musicon of the Month



### Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

In March, we have learned about the great composer, Mozart and the children have enjoyed finding out about his amazing talent, including one of his most famous operas, 'The Magic Flute'.

You can sample some of his wonderful work [here](#)...

## Phunky Foods



Why not try out our 'Recipe of the Month' at home?

## Homemade Bread

Click on the link [here](#) to watch a video and enjoy a delicious treat with all the family...

## 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.



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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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