



Egginton Primary School Newsletter

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

APRIL 2024

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

Y4 Multiplication Check
begins

10th June

Y1 Phonics Check begins

20th June

Whole school visit to the
Heights of Abraham

21st June

Sports' Day

2nd –3rd July

John Port Y6 Induction
Days

19th July

Celebration Assembly
Summer Holiday

4th September

INSET day

5th September

School term begins

Hands up for Handball!

Yesterday, some of our Y2,3 and 4 children entered a Handball competition at Stenson Fields Primary School. It was a really exciting competition with great running, throwing and goals galore. I would like to say a big thank you to all of the pupils involved—they really did try incredibly hard. I was particularly impressed by some of our defending and goalkeeping. Well done!



Sporty Opportunity



At Willows Sports Centre in Derby, each weekend they run a large coaching operation for KS1 and KS2 children centred around football and netball. Up to 200 youngsters join them every Saturday/ Sunday for structured sessions aimed at giving them their first taste of sports. Held in an indoor, weather-proof environment, all classes are looked after by friendly coaches. Why not pop along and give it a try with a free trial?

[Coaching – Willows Sports Centre](https://www.willowssportscentre.co.uk/coaching)

Parent Survey

Many thanks for all of the replies to our recent parent survey.

This has provided us with some really valuable feedback in terms of moving forward as a school. We are delighted to discover that 100% of the replies would recommend Egginton Primary School to another parent.



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.

New Staff

We have recently appointed a new midday supervisor. Miss Hughes started last week and has already said how much she is enjoying the role.

Subtitles!

Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. Based on a study of 2,350 children, 34% became good readers with schooling alone. However, when exposed to 30 minutes a week of subtitled film, that proportion more than doubled to 70%.

Online Safety



Please look at some great advice linked to healthy smartphone use from the National College.

A copy of this guide has been sent out to families alongside this newsletter.

Join the PTA!



Outdoor Classroom

Members of the PTA have added the final finishing touches to our wonderful outdoor classroom, ready for the summer term. There are opportunities to learn about the environment and nature as well as



listening to stories from the story teller's chair. We also have a chalkboard to write on too which is great!

A little bit extra...



Musician of the Month



Joni Mitchell

In April, we have learned about the amazing Joni Mitchell and the children have enjoyed finding out about her life in Canada as well as listening to her most famous songs, including 'Big Yellow Taxi'.

You can sample some of her great songs [here](#)...

Phunky Foods



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

Mini Quiche

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.

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.

 SCAN ME





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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