

EGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Headteacher:

Mr Richard Kitching

October 2021



We have had a great finish to this half term. The children enjoyed their Halloween theme day on Thursday and there were some wonderful, spooky outfits on display throughout the day – thank you to everyone for their contribution to the PTA fund.

It was lovely to attend the PTA meeting on Monday 18th October and see quite a few parents and carers in attendance. More details of our PTA Christmas Recipe book fundraiser have been sent out recently and we look forward to seeing a range of delicious recipes being sent in to school. The children have worked very hard over the last half term period and I hope you all enjoy a good break over the next week with your families.

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Harvest Festival at St. Wilfrid's

On 7th October we held our Harvest Service at St. Wilfrid's Church. It was the first time we have held a service at the church since December 2019 and it was fantastic to see the children enjoying presenting their poems and artwork based on Harvest and Autumn as well as singing a selection of songs. Many thanks to St. Wilfrid's church for hosting us and thank you to Reverend Stella for leading the service. Also,



thank you to all of our families that generously sent in donations for the CSV Foodbank in Swadlincote. The donations were taken by the children to the church and placed by the altar at start of the service. We look forward to returning to St. Wilfrid's for future services.

Year 6 Football Tournament

Our Year 6 pupils (and some Year 5s) played in a Year 6 Football Tournament at Etwell Leisure Centre against other schools in the South Derbyshire area on 15th October. There was a mixture of experience within our team – some pupils play football regularly for teams outside of school whereas some had never played in a football match of this type before. They all did extremely well and supported each other as a team. They won 1 match, drew 1 match and lost 1 match. The results meant they made it through to the finals that were played at Pingle on 21st October.





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>



Exciting Science

There has been lots of exciting Science lessons going on in school during the last week. The Nightingale class have particularly enjoyed dissecting flowers and analysing the different parts and their function. Here we have a picture of Olivia proudly displaying her work.



Allotment Update

A group of our Year 4 pupils visited the allotment on 20th October for the final planting session of the year. They planted garlic, onions, Japanese onions and some spinach that was kindly donated to us by a villager that happened to be tending to his allotment patch at the same time. Many thanks once again to Miss Wood for helping to prepare the allotment and passing on her expert gardening tips to the children.

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Date	Event
25 th to 29 th October	School Closed for Half term break
1 st November	School open to staff and pupils
wb 1 st November	Parent and Carer Consultation meetings this week
3 rd November	KS1/Year 3 After School Sports Club begins
4 th November	KS2 Create Club begins
10 th November	Open morning for Reception 2022 starters – 9.30am to 10.30am (prior appointment needed)
15 th November	PTA Meeting – 7pm on Zoom
19 th November	Children in Need Day – Wear something spotty to school
3 rd December	Non-Uniform day in return for PTA raffle donation
7 th December	Flu Vaccination Day
9 th December	Film Club
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
16 th December	Professor McGinty visit to KS2 classes
21 st December	Celebration Assembly and Last day of term