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Through dynamic teaching, a highly creative curriculum and supportive environment, every Egerton child gains a passion for learning. When combined with the knowledge, skills and values they develop, we enable our children to fulfil their potential as global citizens in an ever-changing world

Week commencing 2nd December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WHOLE SCHOOL			Christmas Jumper Day-bring a donation for the Fair		Christmas Fair 5pm
RECEPTION		PE	Trip to Tatton	Show and Tell	
YEAR 1	PE			PE	
YEAR 2	PE			PE	
YEAR 3				PE	
YEAR 4		Swimming			PE
YEAR 5		Swimming			PE
YEAR 6			PE	PE	
Afterschool	Multiflex	No clubs	Drama	Multiflex	No clubs

PE DAYS CAN CHANGE! PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR KIT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY

Dates for your diary:

4th Dec-Reception trip

4th Dec-Christmas Jumper Day

6th Dec-PTA Christmas Fair 5-7pm, School Hall

9th & 10th Dec-Infant Performances 2pm

10th Dec-Junior Performance 6pm

11th Dec-Junior Performance 2pm

12th Dec-Christmas Dinner

20th Dec-School break up for Christmas

6th Jan-INSET school closed

There will be no Celebration Assembly next Friday as the PTA will be busy setting up the Christmas Fair. Please come along to help set up if you are free, man a stall or come and support the Fair from 5pm where there will be lots of exciting stalls, delicious turkey rolls, a bar, the raffle and even a visit from Father Christmas.

International Schools Award

On Monday evening I had the pleasure of attending a ceremony at the British Council in London to accept Egerton's 4th International Schools Award spanning over 12 years.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life work in today's world.

Egerton's international work includes leading a cluster of 35 schools including 6 in Njoro, Kenya. The British Council recognises Egerton as a school of excellence in global learning. We have been actively involved in research and being the subject of many case studies by the British Council, Oxfam and the Institute of Education in London to support other schools in embedding this approach.

Sir Ciarán Devane, CEO of the British Council, said: 'The school's fantastic international work has rightfully earned it this prestigious award. The International School Award is a great chance for schools to demonstrate the important work they're doing to bring the world into their classrooms. Embedding an international dimension in children's education ensures that they are truly global citizens and helps prepare them for successful lives and careers in an increasingly global economy.'

The children recognise that they are global citizens and that they have a role to play in learning about the world and influencing its future. We celebrated our award in assembly yesterday!



Christmas Parties

Every year we have Christmas Parties for our classes and these parties take place in an afternoon of a school day. The PTA kindly donate money for food and prizes. On the day of your child's party, they may come to school in their own clothes but please ensure they are appropriate for the school day, especially footwear as children will still be playing outside and taking part in craft activities, which may result in them getting dirty. Please do not send them in their best Christmas Partywear!

Dates are as follows:

Tuesday 17th December-Years 3&4

Wednesday 18th December-Years 5&6

Thursday 19th December-Infants (Reception-Year 2)

Christmas Performances (Years Reception-Year 5)

All the children have been working hard learning songs and lines and they sound amazing! If you have ordered tickets, they will be in your child's bag today, please keep them safe and bring them on the day. We have tried wherever possible to accommodate all ticket requests as we realise how important it is to include grandparents and other family members. We are however, governed by the size of our hall and how many people we can safely seat so have tried to allocate spare tickets to families as fairly as possible. Sometimes people are unable to attend on the day so it is worth calling the office on the morning of a performance to see if any tickets have been handed back. Thank you for your understanding of this.

Knutsford Schools' Council

Yesterday the Knutsford Schools' Council met for their first formal meeting at Egerton. It is made up of children from 8 local schools including Knutsford Academy, St Vincents, Manor Park, Bexton, Mobberley, High Legh and Little Bollington. At this meeting they finalised the details regarding a special sustainability award they will be launching soon. This is a first for Knutsford Schools and an exciting one. They will be sharing more news in the weeks to come.



Website

We try to keep our website as up to date as we can, to share news with you and the wider community. You are now able to access our twitter feed (even if you don't have a twitter account) and also check out local news reports we have featured in. Please go to "Gallery" at the bottom of the page and click "Press Cuttings". Also in the gallery are some beautiful photos taken by one of our parents who is a professional photographer, Sarah-Jane King.

Careers Week

The children in Year 6 have spent the week learning about a range of careers and job opportunities. They have had talks from many presenters, who have given the children a clear insight into the world of work, as well as teaching them about the skills and qualifications that they may need in the future.

The children enjoyed all the presentations which included: a fashion accessory designer, an actor, an architect, a general manager of a large company, the owner of a marketing company, a worker and volunteer for the Red Cross, a doctor, a youth Minister, a photographer and a well-being facilitator.

One message that was repeated by every parent was the importance of the children choosing a career that they will love and finding a job that will make them happy every day! Another message was the importance of working hard and always believing in ourselves: both really important messages.

A huge thank you from Year 6 to all the presenters, we really appreciated the time and effort you put into your presentations and you have certainly given us lots to think about!

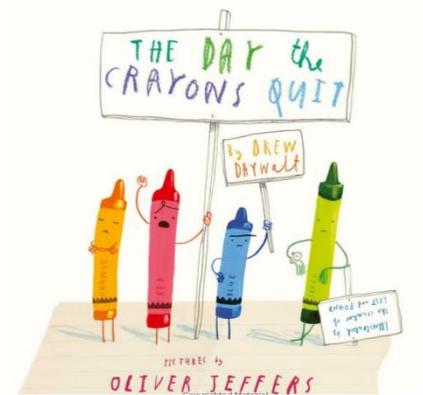
Recommended Read

by Miss Padmore

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

This is one of my favourite books. I have loved reading it (many many times) and also enjoyed using it in lessons for lots of different purposes with different year groups.

Duncan just wants to do some colouring - but when he opens his box of crayons, he finds a whole bundle of letters of complaint. The crayons aren't happy: Beige is sick and tired of playing second fiddle to Brown; Blue is exhausted after colouring in so many oceans, lakes and rivers; Orange and Yellow can't agree on who is really the colour of the sun; and Peach has a rather embarrassing problem. Can Duncan come up with a solution to keep the crayons happy - before they quit colouring for good?



The pictures in this book are fabulous and make it entertaining for children of all ages. A wonderful, creative and humorous book that will have your children looking at their crayon box in a whole different way!

Reading together at Home

Since we conducted our survey regarding reading at Parents' Evening I have had a number of parents come to me to say that they have started to read together as a family, choosing a longer book that they can share over a number of evenings or even weeks. Examples have included 'The Boy at the back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf, 'The Silver Sword' by Ian Serrailier and some of the Harry Potter series.

Finishing on a cliff hanger always causes excitement and an eagerness to read the following evening. Have a look at the recommended reading books shared by our staff for some ideas.

Mystery Reader

If you are able to give just 15 minutes at the end of a school day to be a 'mystery reader' and share your favourite story with a class that would be wonderful! The children love this. Knowing that adults enjoy children's books is such a powerful message to them. Please inform your child's class teacher if you are able.

PTA News

The Christmas Fair is now only a week away! If you are able to volunteer some time to help out, please let your class rep know.

Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumpers on Wednesday 6th of December and to bring a donation for the Fair, which can be:

- A jar full of sweets;
- A bottle (shampoo, wine, beer etc);
- Soft toys (in good condition); or
- Cakes (nut free).

Please no bric-a-brac, toys (other than soft) or books

If you haven't done so already, please return your completed raffle tickets to the office. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the Fair and we have some lovely prizes so it's definitely worth entering!

The Christmas Fair starts at 5pm in the school hall. We have plenty of games and festive crafts, as well as turkey rolls and a bar! And, not forgetting the man of the moment, Father Christmas, will be in his grotto for children to visit. Something for everyone!

PTA Committee

HOLIDAY DATES 2019/20

	School Closes	School Re-opens
Christmas	Friday, 20 December 2019	Tuesday, 7 January 2020
Spring Half-Term	Friday, 14 February 2020	Monday, 24 February 2020
Easter	Friday, 3 April 2020	Tuesday, 21 April 2020
May Day	Thursday, 7 May 2020	Monday, 11 May 2020
Summer Half-Term	Friday, 22 May 2020	Monday, 1 June 2020
Summer	Friday, 17 July 2020	Thursday, 3 September 2020

INSET Days: Monday 6th January, Monday 20th April. Monday 20th July, Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September 2020