

Dear Parents,

Wow! We have had possibly the happiest two days in my 15 years at Egerton. The children came into school ready to reconnect with their friends and the staff and eager to learn. Giving them space and time to share their experiences whilst at home with each other and with a high priority on becoming familiar with their new classroom, their teacher and the new way of organising our day has started really well.

I would like to thank you all for preparing them so well. They were all incredibly smart in their uniform. They came with a full water bottle and a healthy snack. The drop off in the morning is going very smoothly as the children just come straight into school. Pick up on yesterday was a little challenging, given the number of siblings we have and that many parents were impressively early. Today's arrangement was much better, so thank you for your patience. Every day is a new day and we will continue to reflect on how we can make each day run smoothly for the children and for parents.

It would be extremely helpful if you could try and keep as close to your pick up time as possible. For siblings **drop off at the earliest time and pick up at the latest time - from the specified meeting points.**

Groups	Drop off time	Pick up time	Arrival Location	Pickup Location
Reception – to begin from 14 September	9:00	15:00	Playground gate; Reception classroom door	Infant Playground; Reception classroom door
Year 1	8:50	15:10	Playground gate; Year 1 classroom door	Infant Playground; Y1 classroom door
Year 2	8:40	15:00	Playground gate; Year 2 classroom door	Infant Playground
Year 3	9:00	15:20	Main entrance; Y3 classroom door	Infant Playground
Year 4	8:50	15:10	Main entrance; Y4 classroom door	Infant Playground
Year 5	8:40	15.10	Main entrance; Y5 classroom door	Main entrance
Year 6	8:30	15:20	Main entrance; Y6 classroom	Main entrance

School Bags

Many children have come into school with large bags with just a water bottle inside. This is causing some issues as there are many classes who are not using cloakrooms and they are taking up space in the classrooms. The children can carry their water bottle and packed lunch box (if bringing one). Please avoid bring a bag into school if at all possible.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could check you have everything in the morning to avoid needing to drop things at school, such as lunch boxes.

PE Days

You now know the days your children are due to have PE. On these days they should come to school dressed in their PE kit wearing trainers. The weather is very mild at the moment but as we move into

colder weather the girls can wear tights under their shorts and all the children should come wearing their school jumpers and coats too.

PE Days

CLASS		
RECEPTION	TUESDAY	
YEAR 1	MONDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 2	MONDAY	THURSDAY
YEAR 3	TUESDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 4	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
YEAR 5	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 6	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY

Reading

Reading is the keystone of all learning at Egerton and last year we worked hard to promote a love of reading across the school. Therefore, we have decided to bench mark all the children who are currently on the banded book system (the coloured levels) over the next two weeks to ensure they are working at the correct book band for them. This is a detailed assessment that takes a great deal of time to complete for 30 children. This means that children will not be bringing a book home to read until the week commencing Monday 21st September. However, due to the importance of reading the children should read their own books at home. All teachers have included an excellent recommended reading list on their ‘working in partnership’ presentations. They are on the school website on the September 2020 page. Children will also enjoy many reading opportunities within their classroom setting.

The children who are ‘free readers’ will spend time next week exploring the books in their classroom and finding a story that they want to read which will still provide a level of challenge to develop their skills further. The children will start to bring their first school reading book home the week commencing Monday 14th September.

Thank you!

Our amazing PTA have frustratingly not been able to do any of their usual fund raising activities this summer, especially the Knutsford Summer Ball, which had its 20th anniversary this year. However, they did have a significant amount of money already raised. They very kindly agreed for me to spend it on commissioning a very special world and UK map. This is unique to Egerton and has our school and Knutsford shown as well as Egerton in Kenya and many notable landmarks and capital cities. There is a large map in the main entrance hall and these maps are repeated outside on weather proof boards to look at during play. The UK map is in the Infant playground and the world map facing the field. Maps are incredibly interesting and provoke a lot of discussion. In just these 2 days the children have really enjoyed looking at them.



Cheshire Cycling Sportive 2020

Calling all cycling enthusiasts! Dan and Helen Boardman (mum and dad to Claudia and Gabby) are running our 5th annual cycling sportive on Sunday 6 September. This is a great event! You can choose from a 30 mile route or a more challenging 68 miles route. The money raised from this is donated to the Egerton Schools' Foundation, which helps to sustain our partnership with Egerton Primary School in Kenya. If you would like to register please click on the following link:



<https://www.cheshiresportive.co.uk/>

Communication

- You can contact the school via telephone 01625383257 or the admin email address: admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk
- I will be available throughout drop off and pick up times
- Friday newsletter will continue and will be an important source of information.
- School spider messages only used in extreme and immediate circumstances
- We are aiming to get seesaw up and running next week.

What if my child is ill?

If your child presents with covid symptoms; a high temperature, a persistent cough or changes in taste and smell that must remain at home and get a test.

Updated advice was received yesterday afternoon:

Unless a pupil or staff member has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP. As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

This guidance is aimed at ensuring that those with covid symptoms can access a test. If you are at all unsure seek advice from your GP or the NHS.

Partnership is the key

We will be reviewing all our arrangements throughout each day as well as any further government or local guidance. If there are to be any significant changes to these plans, I will be contacting you immediately. We would really appreciate your patience and understanding on this.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch via the admin email address.

Best wishes

Alison Hooper

Headteacher