

Dear Parents,

We have completed our first week of this new academic year and it has flown by! The new reception children have settled in very quickly and really enjoyed having their lunch together for the first time this week. From Monday they will be in school full time. They are a wonderful group of children and are so eager to learn with their friends.

I need to thank you all once again for being so supportive of our protocols in school, especially in your time keeping and ensuring you socially distance at drop off and pick up. Not having cars drive and park down the cul-de-sac has made such a difference to this. **Please ensure only one adult drops off and picks up to reduce the number of adults around the school site.**

There is only one change for next week:

- Year 4 will be based in the ICT suite from now on as this room provides a little more space. They will still arrive at the main entrance but come into the building and walk past my office and through the hall.

### Cheshire Cycling Sportive 2020

The Cheshire Cycling Sportive went ahead last Sunday and we implemented lots of new measures to ensure we followed the British Cycling Covid-19 Guidance, including issuing staggered start times, digital sign-on and strict two metre distancing. Over 160 cyclists took part over Cheshire's best roads and climbs and the weather was pretty much in our favour with plenty of blue sky between the odd shower. The feedback from participants has been really positive and we were proud to have the support of several Egerton parents on the day along with the Mayor of Knutsford! Special thanks also to our small but perfectly formed team of volunteers: Robin McCluney who dedicated 7 hours to help me put up the signs the day before and Mr & Mrs Hooper who ran the 1/2 way food stop near the Cat & Fiddle for over 4 hours. Next date is Sunday 5th September 2021... bookings go live soon!

Dan Boardman (Dad to Claudia and Gabby)



### PE

The children have enjoyed a slow return to a normal timetable this week which included PE. The guidance from the government is that all children must continue to have 2 hours of PE each week. This is the legal requirement of the curriculum and schools must have this in place. Very strict protocols are in place for PE at Egerton and it will always take place outdoors even if it is drizzling. This is safe due to it being outdoors and the science backs up this practice.

If the weather is too wet then the class will be split into smaller groups and very low-key exercise takes place such as yoga in the hall, socially distanced, whilst the other group learns about how the body can benefit from exercise, for instance. This will take place in the classroom then the groups swap after half the lesson. Again this is a practice we are required to put in place by the government. I have made sure that there are enough staff to deliver this model.

### **Fluenz Nasal Spray Immunisation**

You will have received information regarding this programme today. The School Health Team will be visiting Egerton on 9 December to administer this to every child. Please return your forms as soon as possible but **by 18<sup>th</sup> September** at the latest.

### **Celebration Assembly**

On a Friday afternoon we would usually have a whole school celebration assembly to which parents are invited. Sadly, we cannot hold whole school assemblies and parents are not able to enter the building. However, this is not going to stop us celebrating the children's achievements and school news. I will be visiting every class on a Friday afternoon to hear from their teachers who have been awarded certificates and to share any news. This will be posted on Tapestry (Reception) and Seesaw.

### **Egerton Lockdown Cookbook**

Our lockdown cookbook is crammed full of delicious recipes that were tried and tested by our families during lockdown. Any proceeds made after printing costs will go to The Welcome Centre, The Toy Appeal and VISYON youth counselling. We still have a number of cookbooks to sell as we have not yet covered the printing costs. If you would like to buy a copy for the bargain price £7 please email Mrs McAll at [admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk) and pay via parentpay or pop in the main entrance and buy one with cash.

### **Updates**

I will continue to be open and transparent with you regarding any changes to our daily life at Egerton. The press can often sensationalise or spin government guidance. Please follow any guidance I provide. We will continue to review 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. We are in this together and I need your support to ensure our children are safe and have a great day every day!

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