

Egerton Primary School



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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

25 September 2020

Dear Parents,

After a tricky start to the week, we soon settled back into our 'old norm'. Life at Egerton is going well with a school full of happy children. It is at this point that I need to give a shout out to our staff. They are truly amazing and come to school each day ready to enjoy it with the children but more seriously, keeping to very strict systems and protocols that keep your children and them safe.

Keeping warm!

The weather has certainly become autumnal and the temperature has dropped. As we have to keep windows and doors open in school it is important that the children stay warm. We are constantly taking every opportunity to take their learning outdoors and to stay active but when they are sitting in the classroom it is important that they stay warm.

Extra layers under their uniform is the best way of keeping warm. Some ideas could be:

- Long sleeved t shirts under polo shirts
- tights and long trousers
- PE days – jogging bottoms, leggings under shorts, fleece tops
- Coats to be worn to school every day
- Scarves, hats and gloves when it becomes colder

All uniform, hats etc MUST be named.

The Impact of These Times

It is extremely important that we continue to learn from these difficult times for all sorts of reasons. At Egerton and across the trust we are sharing our experiences and using them to support each other and look forward in how best to support the children in their wellbeing and approach to learning.

The parents' survey you completed at the end of the summer term provided us with a huge amount of detail regarding your experiences and how Egerton supported families. You can find the outcomes of this survey on the home page and on the Coronavirus page of our school website.

In these times it has inspired us to work hard at keeping each other safe but also to take the opportunity to learn about how we cope in challenging situations, how we can use our time to learn new skills and to think differently about how we learn.

As part of our Trust's response to COVID-19 we are working with the other schools to secure greater insight and understanding into the educational impact of COVID-19. We have created an anonymous online pupil survey to gather their views directly. There are a growing number of Academy trusts who are using the same survey and this will allow a national comparison to also be made. Please complete the survey with each of your children.

The survey is now live and will remain open up to the deadline of 30 September 2020. You can access the survey via the following link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YKVRX7R>

Communication

In these challenging times please can you use the admin email address for any communication with school. Mrs McAll is just brilliant at answering most enquiries and anything relevant for me or teachers, will be forwarded to us.

Seesaw is now up and running for all classes. As the children use this app throughout the day can parents please not send messages to teachers on seesaw that are sensitive or are about other things than the children's work as their children will see them. The admin email address is to be used for this.

When to get a test?

This week we sent home a very useful poster giving clear guidance on when to get a test. It is very clear that this system is overloaded. This is a really difficult time and I have had a lot of conversations with parents whose children have come down with a cold and whether to book a test. This poster should help.

If you or your child is suffering with clear covid symptoms (high temperature **or** a new and persistent cough **or** loss of taste and smell), a test must be booked and all family members must stay at home until the result is received. **Only those with symptoms should get a test.** School must be informed via the admin email admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk

PTA news

Hello All and welcome to the reception parents that are new to the school.

As the PTA we are very lucky to have extremely supportive parents and staff, we are a registered charity, and prior to Covid we were able to raise over £10,000 annually to enhance school life for all of our children. Funds are used for the purchase of resources such as class sets of iPads, new sets of books, our Math's program, outdoor equipment as well as fund regular events like whole school theatre experiences. Our PTA depends on a continual cycle of parents' involvement and this year we need to come up with new ways of fundraising as we are not currently allowed into school to organise events such as Film nights, discos and the Christmas Fair etc.

There are ways to help while you shop online and your support would be very much appreciated;

- When shopping via Amazon go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1135382-0> and select Egerton Primary School Parents and Teachers Association - Amazon will then donate a percentage of your purchase amount directly to the PTA
- Use www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/go-shopping to shop with a number of retailers such as Amazon, Clarks, Next, Notonthehighstreet. It's super easy to do and means the PTA receive a percentage of all

orders placed. Just remember to select Egerton Primary School PTA Knutsford, to ensure the funds go to us

- Name Tags & Labels www.easy2name.com - Stick on labels, iron on labels, personalized pencils, pencil cases and bags etc. All at very reasonable prices. 20% Cash Back on your orders which goes directly to school fundraising. Just remember to select Egerton Primary School PTA WA16, in the fundraising group drop down

If anyone has any fundraising ideas or would like to join the PTA please speak to your class rep or get in touch with Hannah directly on 07805 067704 / hannahfranklin1@live.co.uk. We are having an online meeting on Wednesday 30th September via Zoom at 8pm, all welcome.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes

Alison Hooper

Come and Join Our Team

We would love another team member for 3 hours per week to join our amazing mid-day assistants on Thursday and Friday. The hours are 11.45am-1.15pm. Please contact Mrs Brown admin2@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk if you are interested in this role.

EGERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL **HOLIDAY DATES 2020/21**

	School Closes	School Re-opens
Autumn Half-Term	Friday, 23 October 2020	Monday, 2 November 2020
Christmas	Friday, 18 December 2020	Monday, 4 January 2021
Spring Half-Term	Friday, 12 February 2021	Monday, 22 February 2021
Easter	Thursday, 1 April 2021	Monday, 19 April 2021
May Day	Friday, 30 April 2021	Tuesday, 4 May 2021
Summer Half-Term	Friday, 28 May 2021	Monday, 7 June 2021
Summer	Friday, 16 July 2021	

INSET Days: Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th July, Wednesday 21st July