

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

23 October 2020

Dear Parents,

We have made it to the end of our first half term of the year. The children and staff very quickly settled in to our daily routines. They have 'reconnected' strongly with each other and to their learning. There have been so many highlights this half term and so much laughter!

Ensuring we do the right thing

Year 6 bubble have spent the last 2 days at home and are self-isolating. A child in this class who is fit and well with no symptoms tested positive. I have permission to share that the reason why this child had a test was that the family are involved in an important University research project and have been for some weeks to contribute to essential research data. People taking part in this survey take a test weekly and are asked to continue with their normal activities unless they develop symptoms.

It would be helpful to know if your family are taking part in such a survey. I want to thank the Year 6 parents for their support and understanding and Miss Babinska for doing such a great job with remote learning. Finally, I want to thank the children. They are a very special group of mature young people who have completed all their home learning and more! Lots of baking has been going on too!

On balance, this is likely to happen again this year, unless we are incredibly lucky! The teachers are ready to put remote learning in place immediately following the same model we used during the summer term with Seesaw and Tapestry.

Egerton School Council

Over the half term break children from Year 1 to Year 6 are considering putting themselves forward for an election to be a member of the school council and to represent their class. This is an opportunity for the children to learn about democracy and what that means in practice and the level of responsibility this involves. The children have been asked to consider as a focus how we can create strong connections between us all despite the rules we have to follow in these current times. This is completely voluntary. The children are challenged to write a short speech to present to their class on the first day back. A class election will follow this and the results announced that day.

I will hold the first Egerton School Council meeting in the school hall on the Tuesday afternoon.

Parents' Evening

Over the half term break, the teachers will be busy writing their detailed notes that would have been shared with you at our usual Parents' Evening. These are a very useful reminder of how well your children are doing in school but most importantly what they need to work on. You will receive these on Friday 6 November. If we ever have any concerns about your child we would be in touch immediately – this is our approach at Egerton. Thank you to all those parents who have been in touch to say how much they appreciate these notes as they will refer to them and also the circumstances we are challenged with in not meeting face to face or virtually in the interests of fairness to everyone. If you do have any concerns or questions following 6 November please don't hesitate to get in touch via admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk and these will be shared with the teacher and me and we will be in touch by telephone.

Supporting Egerton pupils

Rebecca Nixon attended Egerton and now in Knutsford Academy 6th Form. She is a passionate guider and is busy raising funds for a possible guiding trip to Nepal. She has been making face masks in an enterprising endeavour to contribute to this fund raising. There a lot of great designs to choose from. Just follow the link:

<https://nepal-fundraising.square.site/>

The Toy Appeal

The Toy Appeal is a registered charity, operated by Dee and Chris Drake each year, which provides a sack of toys at Christmas to children, aged 0 – 17 years old, who are living in poverty. The Appeal has been running since 2013. To date, they have made Christmas Day very special for thousands of children across the North West of England.

Social workers, schools, women's refuges, food banks and drop-in centres, can refer a child or family to The Toy Appeal to ensure that they have presents to open on Christmas morning. This support is especially important this year!

We have been supporting the Toy Appeal at Egerton for many years now and we believe that every child deserves to experience the magic of Christmas. The Toy Appeal steps in to help Father Christmas do this for thousands of children every year.

They provide toy sacks to children, regardless of race, religion and gender, as long as they are referred via a social worker, a school, a food bank or a women's refuge. You can learn more by watching the following film.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61irDsF4HfQ&feature=youtu.be>

This year they are not able to accept donations of toys as usual but are asking for cash donations. We would like to support them by raising money in a fun way. On **Friday 6 November it is National Skipping Day – the whole school will be skipping! We would like you to sponsor your child to skip and raise some much needed funds for this great charity. They will be bringing home a sponsor form today to help them record their sponsors and there is also a copy attached – a great maths activity!**

Half term break

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful half term break. We are all exhausted after what has been a long but brilliant half term. Your children are truly amazing! They have engaged strongly in their learning and are enjoying having a clear 'Egerton' structure to their day!

Best wishes

Alison Hooper
Headteacher



Knutsford Town Council

Pumpkin Carving Competition and Mayor's raffle

Knutsford Town Council have launched a Pumpkin Carving Competition as some added fun for families this Halloween. Entering is simple – all you have to do is carve a pumpkin at home as a family and then email a photo of the pumpkin with your family name(s) to jill.webb@knutsfordtowncouncil.gov.uk to enter. The competition runs between 26th – 31st October, the same week as the Pumpkin Path trail.

We'll upload all the entries to an album on Facebook and the Mayor of Knutsford will pick 3 winners who will each receive a sweetie bomb from Mr Simms! Please ensure your entries are sent by the end of the day on 31st October and all entries will be reviewed with winners announced week commencing 2nd November. Good luck! Don't forget the Pumpkin Path trail will also be running all week for you to enjoy.

The Mayor is holding a raffle, which he hopes will raise money towards a skate park for our local youngsters. Please click on the link below for more details.

<https://raffall.com/130661/enter-raffle-to-win-the-mayors-online-raffle-hosted-by-mayor-of-knutsford>

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