



# 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**

6 November 2020

Dear Parents,

My mantra is 'Every Day is a New Day!' As the country has now moved into lockdown for the next 4 weeks we need to make sure we work hard to stay safe. Please ensure you get in touch with school immediately via [admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk) if anyone in your family presents with Covid symptoms. Please self-isolate as a family until a negative test is received. If an individual member of your family is asked to self-isolate, this means for them not to leave the house under any circumstances to keep the community safe. This is particularly important when children are asked to self-isolate.

## Egerton School Council

We have had an exciting week at school as the children experienced the true meaning of democracy. Children from Years 1 – 5 were invited to put themselves forward to represent their class in the School Council. Speeches were written and delivered with such passion! Their focus was how we can make connections across school during these times. There were some highly creative ideas. The votes were counted and the results announced:

Year 1 – Alana and Rory B

Year 2 – Finley and Evie

Year 3 – Nate and Alisha

Year 4 – Oscar and Merry

Year 5 – Seren and Joe

Year 6 – Billy and Rosie



We held our first meeting yesterday. The children were so excited and eager to make a start on their ideas. There will be updates in the newsletter about their work.

The Year 6 Councillors had their first meeting with the Knutsford Youth Council that I initiated last year with the Knutsford Mayor, Andrew Malloy. Billy and Rosie met the other children representing their schools and shared their ideas for the town. Ideas included:

- Reduce the use of plastics and relaunch the schools' Sustainability Award which was given to Serenity Designs this year
- Raise awareness on climate change
- Every child to plant a tree in the town
- Introduce more equipment for exercise on the Moor and the Heath
- Use the mobile speed checking device on roads causing concern in the community

### **Parents' Reports**

Today your child will have come home with a short report about your child that reflects the conversation that would have been had in a face to face parents' evening. The teachers have given a great deal of thought to the detail in these reports and any support you can give at home is appreciated and will undoubtedly contribute to your child's progress. If ever you do have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to get in touch via [admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk) and these will be shared with the teacher and me and we will be in touch by telephone.

### **The Toy Appeal**

The children and staff have been skipping today to raise money for the Toy Appeal. They had a lot of fun raising money for this worthy cause. Any forgotten sponsor money can be brought in next week.

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.

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 will announce our final figure raised next week.



### **Healthy snacks and lunches**

At Egerton, the children learn a great deal through the science curriculum as well as the Personal, Social and Health curriculum about healthy eating. There have been a growing number of children who have been bringing chocolate bars and a number of high sugar items in their lunch boxes. We had a big focus on healthy snacks and lunches with the children carrying out research across the school. Crisps were a big discussion point and suggestions such as grain or vegetable crisps had less fat content such as Sunbites etc. Fresh fruit is always a popular choice. Can you please ensure your junior child has a healthy snack and if they have a packed lunch, there is a good balance of items.

### **Christmas at Egerton**

Our staff team have come up with some really creative ideas to ensure that the children enjoy this very special time. The biggest challenge we have is our Christmas plays. The very strict protocols of bubbles not mixing and no singing indoors will not stop us!

- Reception children will be producing a unique performance
- Years 1 and 2 are working together – though not physically – to put together a performance with some clever filming and editing
- Years 3 and 4 will be doing the same with their performance
- Year 5 and Year 6 will be filming a unique Christmas contribution

The films of all classes will be shared with parents before we break for the Christmas holiday. Parties will take place but in their individual classes.

## Egerton PTA

We are really blessed by having a very small group of committed parents who work tirelessly for our school. This year we need a high level of creative thinking as we cannot hold the usual events such as the Christmas Fair. We will be holding the PTA AGM on Tuesday 10 November at 6.30pm via zoom. If you would like to join this meeting and hear ideas and contribute too you would be very welcome. Please email [admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk) and you will be sent a zoom invitation.

**Please ensure all Christmas card orders are returned to school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

## School Photographs

Please be aware that the final date for ordering school photos is **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. Sarah's idea not only meant that photographs could take place but that the school will benefit financially too. Sarah has agreed to photograph all classes. This is great news and much more than that, she has kindly offered to donate a good portion of the profits to the school by charging a highly discounted rate for the photos. This is incredibly generous and means that the children get a unique photograph.

All orders will be delivered to your house.

We hope they make you smile and thank you for supporting our first PTA fundraiser for the year. If you cannot access the unique code for your child's class, please contact the school office.

Best wishes

Alison Hooper  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

9<sup>th</sup> Dec-Fluenz immunisations

10<sup>th</sup> Dec-Christmas Dinner

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

	<b>School Closes</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b>
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 19<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**