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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

Dear Parents,

My mantra of 'Every Day is a new day!' was certainly tested this week when I was asked to self-isolate via the NHS app and the following day Miss Dixon too. We fully appreciate the experience now but remain frustrated that we have no idea where this has come from as so far, we have no symptoms and are both well. However, whatever my frustrations it is important we follow the rules. The Local Authority along with Public Health England have reported significant issues with the app pinging for teachers across the county with no symptoms and no apparent close contacts. It seems to be an issue with Bluetooth. They will be issuing guidance to schools. I want to thank the fantastic team at Egerton for keeping things ticking over and ensuring the children enjoy every day.

The true meaning of social justice!

All of our teachers have been taking part in some unique training on global learning with UCL that I had the privilege of contributing our approach at Egerton. This course is online and is global. This means that there are teachers from across the world taking part, from Myanmar to Brazil, Australia, China, Nigeria and many more countries. The teachers go on a journey regarding theoretical research and post their thoughts and examples of their practice. They communicate and learn from each other. The Egerton teachers are a shining example of excellence in this important field!



This has certainly been lived out these past few weeks in school in the children's themes and activities. To truly appreciate the national and global contexts, children need to fully experience their local context and connect strongly to it.

Many schools take a charitable approach to global learning. Egerton takes a social justice approach that can lead to action. The children have been acutely aware of the importance of reconnecting with their friends when they returned to school and the importance of friendship and empathy too.



Our support for 'Young Minds' on yellow day and all that the children learned focused our minds on the importance of emotional wellbeing and positive mental health for children and young people and served to raise much needed funds of £307.89.

On Friday of last week, we were all skipping for the Toy Appeal. We have supported this charity since it began in 2013. Christmas is such a magical time for children and they should not be denied this. I am thrilled to announce that we have raised the amazing sum of £1500.50! This means that 60 more children living in poverty will benefit this Christmas.

If you wish to make a donation to The Toy Appeal please use the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/2020ToyAppeal>



Local connectivity and support is very important to build a sense of community. It is for this reason that we did not raise money specifically for the National Children in Need Appeal as we have supported the needs of children locally.

PTA AGM

It was a real pleasure to attend the PTA AGM this week. We have a great core team with lots of support from parents across the school. The class reps do need help with coming up with some creative fundraising ideas this year. Please get in touch if you have any!

Staffing News

I am delighted to announce that Miss Dixon has been made a permanent member of our staff team. She is an exceptional teacher and has shown the highest level of commitment to Egerton and our ethos. Mrs Eyres will not be returning to our school. She wishes to spend time with her baby and we wish her well.

Sickness and Diarrhoea rules

It is at this time of year that we can experience sickness bugs. The rules from Public Health England regarding this are very clear. Children must remain at home for 48hours after symptoms have stopped. This is to prevent the spread of this virus.

Finally.....

I want to thank our amazing team at Egerton. We have had to deal with some staffing challenges recently with some staff members having to self-isolate and teachers providing remote learning to some children whilst teaching full time in school. Every employee at Egerton plays their part and all are willing to step up whenever it is needed. This is exceptional and I am really proud and appreciative of this.

Enjoy your weekend!

Best wishes

Alison Hooper
Headteacher

Egerton PTA

We had a great turnout at our AGM this week - thank you to those who made the time to come on the Zoom call. It was great to reflect on the fantastic things the PTA have funded thanks to the hard work of our committee and the fantastic parents and pupils who get involved and support our events.

We welcomed 2 new reception parents to the committee as class reps, Kat and Neil, and Jen Hanratty-Ball is taking over from the fab Elaine as Vice Chair. Clare McLuney and Sara Ormerod have also taken over as class reps for year 6 and year 4 respectively - thank you!

This year is very different to previous years but we discussed how we can still bring some festive cheer, while raising funds for our school. We will be running a Christmas Jumper day and are planning to bring one of our most popular Christmas Fair stalls - the sweet jars - to school. Robina Sellwood has been able to source some fabulous raffle prizes - tickets will be coming home soon. We are also hoping to set up a secret gift wrapping activity so the children can pick a gift for someone at home. Details to follow.

We were amazed to hear how much Sarah Jane King has been able to raise by taking the gorgeous photos of all of our children and wanted to extend a huge thank you to her, we have presented her with some flowers and chocolates as a small token of our appreciation. Thanks too to all the parents who supported the school by purchasing the photos.

Dates for your Diary

9th Dec-Fluenz immunisations

10th Dec-Christmas Dinner

EGERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOLIDAY DATES 2020/21

	School Closes	School Re-opens
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