

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

20 November 2020

Dear Parents,

My mantra of 'Every Day is a new day!' was certainly tested during my self-isolation. It is really tough not being able to go out and even exercise. I can continue to work in my role at home so I did manage to get a great deal of work done and important reading too. We even managed to make Friday assemblies happen – just! Returning to school yesterday was like connecting me to jump leads! It was just wonderful. I missed the children and staff so much but much more than that, Egerton has a 'buzz' of happiness and engaged learning that the children enjoy sharing.

Anti-Bullying week

This week each year is identified nationally as Anti-bullying week. At Egerton that is every day. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated but in our school any issues are dealt with swiftly and positively to ensure relationships do not deteriorate to this level. This year the strap line is 'we stand united'. Respectful relationships take effort and an investment of time and patience and fun. These are the most powerful tools against any form of bullying. This week the teachers have been discussing this with their children. In celebration of diversity odd socks were worn to provide a powerful reminder that we are all unique and different and that should be celebrated.



Plans for Christmas

I have heard many schools are using Covid as an excuse not to celebrate Christmas. We are using it as a reason to be even more creative! We are singing outside and rehearsing in our bubbles ready to finally film and edit together our Christmas plays and performances. Plus we have a few other ideas ready to go!

Sadly, we cannot have our Christmas Fair this year. This always is very special and gets us all in the mood for Christmas. However, we are able to do some things we would have done but a little differently. Please see the wonderful infographic designed by Karen Miah from our PTA!

- Sweet Jars from Monday 23rd November. We are bringing one of the most popular stalls at the Christmas Fair to the playground and would love every child to get involved. Please can you send in a jar of sweets & treats (no nuts please) into school. This can be in any size Jar (with a lid please), with perhaps a festive message/drawing/name tag attached. It would be great to get them all in by Wednesday 2nd December.

Decorated sweet jars are always a hit with the children. If each child could bring in one jar, we will know that every child could go home with one.

- Friday 4 December – wear your Christmas jumper day for a donation of £1– that means, children staff and parents! That afternoon the children will be able to take part in the sweet jar raffle stall.
- Christmas Raffle – Mrs Sellwood, mum to Zac in Y6 has done a great job at persuading local businesses to donate some fabulous prizes. Raffle tickets will be coming home next week too. We will include 10 per child but more will be available at the office. Return the money and ticket stubs in an envelope please.
- Secret gifts for adults – the PTA will be wrapping up gifts that the children can buy to give a special grown up. They will be able to see examples of what has been wrapped. I'm not sure these secrets will last to Christmas day!
- Our school will be recording us singing (outside) along with the other town schools to share with the Town Council instead of the switch on of the Christmas lights and crib service where our choir would have performed.

This is just to give you a flavour that we will always find a creative solution to ensure your children continue to have an enjoyable time at school.

Friday assemblies

Sadly, I am not able to do the assemblies today as way back in January I agreed to be a panel member at a European conference on the importance of Global Learning in schools. As Head of Egerton, I will be sharing what we do in our school and how we share our practice with other schools too. I am slightly nervous as this will include representatives from 9 other countries.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes

Alison Hooper
Headteacher

Combined Charities Christmas Shops 2020 (100% to Charities)

Sadly, due to Covid 19 restrictions, none of our pop-up shops are possible this year. Our Website Charity Card Shop is operating as usual

www.christmas-cards.org.uk

In addition, if you click on NEWS on the Homepage there is a tel.no. for a 'Phone and Collect' scheme designed to help you, the customer and local volunteer groups who had already ordered their cards for this Christmas. This year is the 49th year... we sincerely hope 2021 provides the opportunity to celebrate 50 years of Charities support with a return to our normal sales outlets.

Our best wishes to all, Sheila, Jill, Hilary and Team

Dates for your Diary

9th Dec-Fluenz immunisations

10th Dec-Christmas Dinner

We raised the amazing sum of
£224.25 for the British Legion
Poppy Appeal. Thank you to all
who donated



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