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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

11 December 2020

Dear Parents,

The Christmas break

Following my message to you all on Wednesday evening regarding 17 December being our last day in school I am now in a position to provide you with further advice from the government:

We recommend all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- *If a pupil or staff member experiences COVID symptoms within 48 hours of school ending (before 3.30pm or 6pm for Lions children on Saturday 19 December) they must inform the school and book a test. The result of this test must be shared, once known, to assist the school in deciding if any staff or children have been in close contact and would need to self-isolate. **Please email admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk regarding the first day of symptoms and the outcomes of a test between 9am and 11am or 3pm and 5pm***
- *Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school (after Saturday 19 December, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.*

I would like to thank you all for being so diligent in keeping in touch with school regarding all health and family concerns, but particularly covid related. It is enormously helpful and enables us to make sure we are keeping the children and staff safe but also be able to offer any support that we can. The emotional wellbeing remains our top priority.

Our Wonderful PTA!

The Christmas Fair is a highlight in our school year. The PTA have been wonderful in taking the opportunity to support the school to enable the children to have a magical experience but also to raise some much needed funds for the school. They funded treats and gifts for the Christmas parties. There were so many jars donated we were able to pass on the surplus to The Welcome for them to add to the family hampers they are putting together. See below for PTA news and info for raffle prize winners!!



Very Special Visitors!

Tatton have been very lucky this year to have Santa Claus and one of his reindeer, Dancer, visit the farm. As the staff at Tatton Farm are such good friends of ours, they persuaded Santa Claus to make a special visit to Egerton yesterday. The children were so excited!

Cherishing our neighbours

Class 3 have been writing letters to the elderly residents at Abbeyfields opposite the school. They were thrilled to get very detailed replies with lots of questions posed to them so they are in the process of replying this week. This is a great example of staying connected during these tough times. The residents were delighted to receive the children's letters!

A wonderful gesture!

Paul Buttrick, the President of the Knutsford Lions Group got in touch with me last week. A member of the Lions had put forward the idea of supporting local schools in keeping children warm whilst in school in the colder weather due to doors and windows being open. I discussed this with him and came up with the idea of having a stock of fleece blankets and hoddies in school – all Egerton red of course! This stock will be used if children are feeling colder or are sitting near open windows or doors. These will remain in school and be washed by us once used.



I have to say a huge thank you to you for making sure your children are warmly dressed for this colder and VERY wet weather we are experiencing. This stock will come in very handy for any children who need it. I have passed on our sincere thanks to the Lions Club.

Next week

Parties will be taking place next week in the class bubbles. The Junior children will have their party on Wednesday and the Infant children on Thursday. On those days they may come to school in their party clothes but also dressed warmly and with appropriate footwear.

Finally, this term has been challenging in many ways but inspiring too! Daily life at Egerton is now firmly understood by all involved, including yourselves. Thank you for your patience with staggered drop off and pick up. With the weather being so unpredictable please stick to these times so that children do not get too cold or wet.

The children are quite simply amazing! They come to school each day ready to learn and have shown a high level of resilience. They deserve a restful and joyous Christmas.

This will be the final newsletter for 2020. However, next week will be very special as the teachers will be sharing their Christmas videos with all classes and providing a link on Seesaw and Tapestry to vimeo with a password for their class' parents:

Reception Nativity play: The Bundle of Joy

Year 1 and 2 Play: Lights, Camel, Action

Year 3 and 4 Play: Straw and Order

Year 5: Twas the night before Christmas

Year 6: Christmas music video including staff

Please do not share this information on any form of social media.

On behalf of the staff and Governors I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We will see you all again on Monday 4 January.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes

Alison Hooper

Headteacher

PTA News

Christmas jumper day and the sweet jar stall was a great success last week, the children all went home with a jar and had a great time finding out which jar they had won. We managed to raise £369.24 on the day - which is fabulous! Thank you to all those who donated sweet jars, some families were extra generous and made multiple which meant we had some left over. These jars were donated to The Welcome - who were in the process of sorting Christmas gifts for children in the area who might not receive much this year (separate to the Toy Appeal) - the sweets are going to be distributed along with the gifts.

The raffle has been very well supported this year and was drawn by Year 6 this afternoon – if you have won a prize, we will email you today and send your prize home on Monday.



Thank you for all the secret gift room orders we have received this week the elves are busy preparing the gifts so the children can visit the gift room next week, in their class bubbles, and choose a gift or 2 for their special grown-ups.

