

# 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**

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Dear Parents,

This week has been very busy with the Reception teachers, Miss Thorpe, and Mr Pettit holding parents' meetings as well as managing their remote learning. The feedback from these meetings has been very positive indeed. Next week there will be meetings for Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 parents. If you have not yet made an appointment, you can do this through spider for Tuesday and Wednesday. If you want a Thursday appointment, please email Mrs McAll. If you would prefer a telephone call instead of zoom we can certainly arrange that for your appointment time, again via Mrs McAll.

I have visited over 40 families this week as well as receiving a number of emails. Feedback regarding our approach to remote learning and the breadth of the curriculum has been extremely positive. However, this can be challenging to sustain and there are some days where it is just not possible to get through everything. Please just do what you can, when you can and post as soon as you can so the teachers can give feedback to support learning and progress.

The teachers are working extremely hard. One parent shared, *'The support, speed of response, encouragement and versatility have been incredible.'* The feedback your child is receiving from their teacher is replicated by 30 and then again by the pieces of work set for their class. This is a phenomenal task but our teachers are committed to doing this to support the children to make progress during this time and not just to coast. However, please be patient. They are doing their very best, have key worker responsibilities on alternate weeks, have families of their own, and need down time in the evening and weekends. I know from the parents' meetings this week that parents really do appreciate this challenge – thank you for your understanding.

## **Hope and Wellbeing**

There is no doubt that this lockdown has been a lot tougher than the last for all of us and for a variety of reasons, not least the weather and the timing. In speaking with many parents, children and staff, all of them at some time in the past few weeks have experienced 'low moments', me included. This is completely understandable but also normal. We have never experienced anything like this before. What has certainly been a common factor in dealing with this is honesty and reaching out to those who know us best and can really help. I have attached a very useful set of top tips from the Royal College of Occupational Therapists to support your child's wellbeing at home.

Sadly, we have had a number of families who have lost elderly members of their family in the past



couple of weeks. At any time this is hard but especially now. Our principal priority is the wellbeing of your children, parents and staff too. We have staff trained to support aspects of emotional wellbeing so please get in touch if we can help.

Captain Sir Tom Moore sadly passed away this week. He was an inspiration and a beacon of hope during the last lockdown and since. He amazed us all with his resilience and tenacity. It is a reminder of this that can help us reset and recharge our batteries.



The Knutsford Primary Schools have come up with a shared community project to inject joy and hope into our community. In the last lockdown, we all were busy displaying rainbows in our windows. This time we want to focus on love and support for each other and especially our NHS workers. Our challenge is to design and make a heart to display for others to see on their daily exercise. These can be as small or as large as you would like. We are encouraging the children to reuse materials and to be as colourful as possible.

The flyer says by Sunday 14 February but please do this in your own time - it may be a lovely half term activity. Please post your photographs on Tapestry and Seesaw so we can see them. This has potential to be very special!

### **Communication regarding Covid**

Regardless of your children being at home or in school, as key worker children, if there is anyone connected to your family that experience Covid symptoms resulting in self-isolation and any positive tests school needs to be informed as soon as possible. I have to provide daily information to the DfE regarding all children and staff and this includes instances of self-isolation and confirmed cases of Covid. Please do this via [admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **School Uniform-Change of Supplier**

The new uniform supplier now has the website up and running for parents to order directly.

<https://finesseschoolwear.co.uk/school-uniforms/egerton-primary-school/> There is a home delivery charge of £5.50 for online orders so we will still be offering a bulk school order twice a year so parents can avoid this charge. We also have a very small number of items in stock at school so please email the office if you need anything before we do the order in the summer term.

You will find all our usual items along with a smart Egerton fleece lined raincoat and Egerton branded joggers which can be worn for PE. Neither of these items are compulsory requirements of our uniform.

You can also visit the shop (once lockdown restrictions have been lifted) as they will be keeping items in stock.

Finesse Schoolwear, 98 – 100 Mill Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 6NR, [Tel:01625 616986](tel:01625616986)

### **Resources Pick up Point**

This pick up point will be outside of school every day from now on. Exercise books, pencils, pens and other resources that you may find useful for home learning are available for you. Please wear a mask and maintain a 2m distance from anyone arriving at the same time.

Enjoy a restful weekend!

Best wishes

Alison Hooper

Headteacher

