



# Egginton Primary School Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2024

## UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

2nd December

Reception Balance Bikes

5th December

Non-uniform day

6th December

Christmas Fayre

13th December

Nativity Performance

18th December

Christmas Dinner Day

19th December

Pantomime

20th December

Celebration Assembly

Christmas Holiday

6th January

Return to school

14th February

Celebration Assembly

Half term holiday

24th February

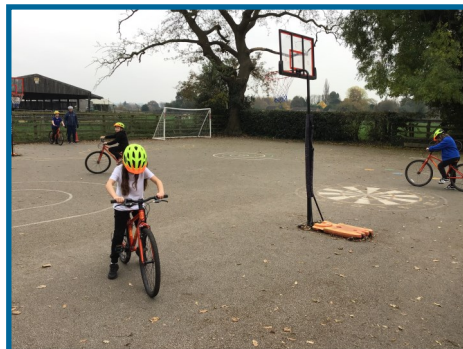
INSET day

25th February

Return to school

## Bikeability

On the 4th and 5th November, pupils in Mr Banister's class improved their skills and confidence in riding their bikes. This was mainly done on the playground— however, for the Y6 children, they also went out onto the street to learn how to cycle safely on the road.



## Wear a Rainbow



On Friday 15th, pupils wore bright colours for 'Wear a Rainbow Day'. This has raised over £61 for Bridge the Gap, supporting children and young people across Derby. All donations will go towards the Cafe and Emotional Health Hub.

## Brass Band!

Pupils in Nightingale are loving their weekly brass lessons. It has been wonderful to hear them performing and we are all looking forward to them performing to the rest of the school and parents in the near future.



## Attendance



Our overall attendance for this year has been **95.17%**, which is slightly above the government target of 95%.

MacArthur Class have **95.61%**,

Nightingale have **94.72%** and

Arkwright have **95.25%**.

## Poppy Day



Many thanks for all of your donations towards this year's Poppy Appeal. We do not yet know how much was raised but will let you know as soon as possible.

## Maths @ Home



We have a new link on our school website which is really helpful for parents to support with maths at home. You can check this out [here](#)...

## Online Safety

For all of your online safety needs, you can access National College and register for an account [here](#). Look out for a 'Parent's Guide to WhatsApp' this month.

## Odd Socks for Anti-bullying



On Tuesday 12th November, we had an 'Odd Socks Day' to raise awareness about Anti-Bullying week. Mr Banister spoke to the pupils about this during assembly and took this wonderful photo.

## Join the PTA!



## Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre is scheduled to take place next month on Friday 6th December from 3.30-5.30pm.

We shall have a non-uniform day on Thursday 5th December and ask that pupils donate items for the Tombola such as chocolate, toys, bottles or biscuits etc...

## A little bit extra...



**Bjork**

In November, we have learned about Björk, an Icelandic singer songwriter. Noted for her distinct vocal range and eccentric persona, she has developed a unique musical style over her four-decade career that has drawn on a range of genres. You can sample some of her music [here](#)...

## Phunky Foods



Why not try out our 'Recipe of the Month' at home?

## Super Salmon Dip

Click on the link [here](#) to watch a video and enjoy a delicious treat with all the family...

## Free School Meals

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**Pssst**

Did you know that all reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free meal at lunchtime regardless of family income?

And if your child is in year 3 or above, they may also be eligible, if you receive one of the qualifying benefits.

Just log into the new speedy free school meal checker system to see if your child is eligible. Scan the QR code and it will take you straight there.

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**Free school meals are free for reception, year 1 and year 2 - why do I still need to apply?**

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 get free school meals, but if you receive one of the qualifying benefits you may also get help with:

- the cost of residential school trips
- travel costs to school
- school uniform costs
- music lessons at school

For every child registered for free school meals, schools receive a pupil premium payment each year. This will be used to help your child achieve their best at school.

Use the QR code overleaf to access the portal and check your eligibility.

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