



# Egginton Primary School Newsletter

## UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

OCTOBER 2024

**4th November**

Return to school

Y5/6 Bikeability

**5th November**

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**11th November**

KS2 Fencing Competition

**2nd December**

Reception Balance Bikes

**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

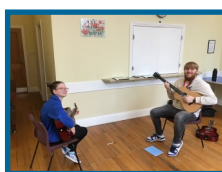
## Harvest Time

We all had a lovely time at the church on Friday 18th October. The children showed off their work and sang harvest songs. A huge thankyou to everyone who attended, including Reverend Stella for her story and prayer. All donations will be taken to the Doorways Charity in Derby.



## Guitar Update!

The weekly guitar lessons are really going well and all of the pupils are making great progress. Take a look at some of the children in action...



## Library News!

On Friday 11th October we made an application to become a beneficiary of the Etwall Welldressings in order to raise funds for our library project. I am delighted to announce that our bid was successful and that we will be receiving funds towards the '300 books to read before leaving Egginton'. A huge thank you to Claire Bowen, our PTA Chair for putting the presentation together and Daisy from Mrs Jones' class who also delivered a heartfelt speech.



## Freshening up!

We are absolutely thrilled with our new front entrance design as well as our Book Character Woodland frieze next to Mrs Belton's class. I hope you all get a chance to see it. It's really brightened the place up!



## Attendance



Our overall attendance for this year has been **95.53%**, which is slightly above the government target of 95%.

MacArthur Class have **95.51%**,

Nightingale have **95.33%** and

Arkwright have **95.86%**.



## Family First

Here's your free copy of the UK's largest parenting title - Enjoy!

[Click here](#)

## Online Safety



All parents have been sent a [link](#) to register for their own account on the National College—an online platform to become more familiar with online safety.

## Coffee & Cake



Our MacMillan Coffee morning on Monday 21st October was a great success. School Councillors from Mr Banister's class had a great time helping to serve cake, clear away plates/cups and chatting. They were rewarded with a delicious slice of cake too. Overall, this raised **£352.15!** We would like to thank everyone who attended.

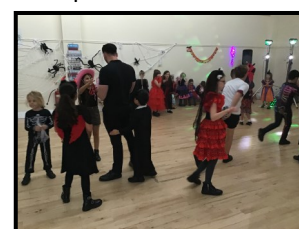
## Join the PTA!



## Halloween Disco

Many thanks to our PTA for organising our school disco.

The children had a 'spooktacular' time!



## A little bit



**Tracy Chapman**

In October, we have learned about Tracy Chapman—an American singer-songwriter. Chapman is best known for her hit single "Fast Car". She is politically and socially active and is very passionate about supporting human rights. You can sample some of her music [here](#)...

## Phunky Foods



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

## Tasty Lunch Wraps

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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**If 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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