



Egginton Primary School Newsletter

JANUARY 2025

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY...

11th February

Y3/4 Brass Performance

14th February

Celebration Assembly

Half term holiday

24th February

INSET day

25th February

Return to school

3rd March

World Book Week

7th March

Book Character Dress Up
Day

12th March

Parents' Evening

14th March

Hedgehog Activity Day

27th March

Non-uniform day

28th March

Easter Bingo

4th April

Celebration Assembly

Easter Holiday

21st April

Return to School

Ofsted Inspection

I would like to thank the staff and pupils for their amazing attitude and effort during our recent inspection. It was an incredibly rare event to pause an inspection due to the inspector's illness, but everybody came together as a team to ensure that we did not lose our focus. We now look forward to seeing the final report and will inform you of its publication as soon as we can.



Chinese New Year

On the 29th January, it was Chinese New Year. This marks the change from Year of the Dragon to Year of the Snake. Mrs Belton's class fully embraced this and had a lot of fun creating and playing with a Chinese dragon on the playground.



Fundraising Update

A massive thank you to one of our Y1 parents, Mr Stone, who kindly offered again this year to turn unwanted Christmas trees into chippings for us to use at school. All of the fees for his service were donated to the school, which has raised a brilliant £110 towards our school library project. We also made a further £83 from the Christmas Cards that the children designed last term.



Tchoukball!

Y5/6 children entered a competition at Stenson Fields Primary on January 20th and worked really well as a team. They were narrowly defeated 17-15 but thoroughly enjoyed themselves, each receiving a certificate for their efforts.



Attendance



Our overall attendance for this year has been **94.94%**, which is slightly below the government target of 95%.
MacArthur Class have **94.93%**,
Nightingale have **94.79%** and
Arkwright have **95.18%**.

Family First

Here's your free copy of the UK's largest parenting title - please click the [link](#) and enjoy!



National College

For some children, the return to school after the school holidays can be a difficult time for a variety of reasons. The start of the new term comes with plenty of challenges, from social worries to the stress of ensuring they're entirely ready for lessons and learning.

A free guide from the National College offers you advice on how you can be there for children as they transition back into our school's routine and can be found [here](#)...



If you haven't registered for your National College account yet, please sign up [here](#).

South Derbyshire Music Centre

@ The Pingle Academy
Swadlincote
on Tuesdays and Fridays

Get involved in the fun by joining one of our bands or choirs.

Bands

- Blast Off! - instrumental group for beginners
Tuesday 6.10pm - 7pm
- Club Band - for musicians that can play 3/4 notes on a woodwind or brass instrument
Tuesday 6.10pm - 7pm
- Junior Band - for musicians at grade 1-3 standard
Tuesday 6.10pm - 7pm
- Concert Wind Band - for musicians at grade 4 standard or above.
Friday 6pm - 8pm
- Family Brass Band - for musicians of all ages playing at Grade 4 standard or above.
Tuesday 7pm - 8pm



Choirs

- Kinder Choir - for children in reception to Year 2. Tuesday 5.10pm - 5.55pm
- Junior Choir - for Years 3-6
Tuesday 5.15pm - 6pm
- Senior Choir - for Years 6+
Tuesday 6.45pm - 7.45pm

For more information please email
coordinator@southderbyshiremusic.org

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Join the PTA!



Disco Time!

Our Valentine's themed disco will take place on Thursday 13th February



A little bit extra...



Musician of the Month



BEETHOVEN

In January, we have learned about Beethoven, a German composer who remains one of the most admired in the history of Western music. Beethoven's love for music began at a young age. He started playing the piano when he was just a little boy. He faced many challenges, including losing his hearing as he grew older. However, he never gave up on his passion for music.

You can sample some of his pieces [here](#)...

Phunky Foods



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

Leek and Potato Soup

Click on the link [here](#) to enjoy a wintery treat to keep you warm on a cold day...

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.



SCAN ME

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.



DERBYSHIRE County Council

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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