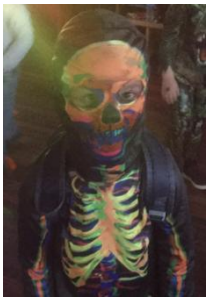
EASINGWOLD
COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

ECPS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 23rd OCTOBER 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Hello and welcome to our latest newsletter of this half term. Thank you to everybody who made the Halloween Disco such a success last night. The children absolutely loved it. We couldn't run these events without our organisers and volunteers. Please support our small EPIC team if you can so that we can keep running our special events.



Safeguarding:

A reminder that if you have a concern about a child over the holidays or at any other time, you can share your worries with Children's Social Care by calling **0300 131 2 131** or you can share them anonymously by clicking here:

https://forms.northyorks.gov.uk/service/Report_concerns_to_North_Yorkshire_Children_and_Families_Service

Important PE Safety Reminder – Jewellery & Footwear:

Gymnastics & Dance (Barefoot Work): Children work barefoot in gymnastics and dance lessons to allow their toes to grip apparatus and floors naturally while building foot strength. Socks and tights are strictly prohibited on polished gym floors as they create a severe slipping hazard, while trainers or plimsolls on gymnastic equipment increase the risk of ankle injuries. Verrucae should be covered securely with plaster or surgical tape wrapped around the foot.

Indoor Games & High-Impact Sports: Fit-for-purpose trainers or plimsolls are required for indoor sports, ball games, and high-impact activities to provide proper grip and cushioning.

Jewellery & Piercings: All personal jewellery - including stud earrings, necklaces, watches, and watches/fitness trackers - must be removed before PE. Taping over earrings is not permitted as it does not protect against tearing or injury.

Piercing Timing & Healing Windows: Please ensure any new ear piercings take place at the start of the summer holidays to allow for the 6-week healing window before the autumn term. Children with unremovable new piercings cannot take part in physical activity on equipment or contact sports and will instead be assigned non-contact roles (e.g., peer coach or scorer).

Religious Artifacts: Items worn for religious reasons (such as a Sikh Kara) that strictly cannot be removed must be made safe by pushing them up the arm, covering them with a thick sweatband, and taping them securely.

Morning Preparation at Home: School staff are not permitted to remove or replace earrings for pupils. If your child cannot remove their own jewellery independently, please ensure it is taken out at home on the morning of their PE days.

To ensure children are fully prepared for PE when returning to school, please discuss the expectations at home with your child/ren. It may be useful to make a preparation plan for PE days.

Car Park:

Over the half term, the large beech tree that is diseased will be removed so the car park will be back to normal.

500 Words Competition:

500 Words - the UK's largest story writing competition for 5-11 years, is now open for entries! Make sure you submit stories before the deadline at 9pm on Friday 6th November!

The competition celebrates children's creativity and imagination, encouraging children from across the UK to **create an original story in 500 words or fewer.** There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 years. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked** - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity!

The **celebrity panel of judges** include **Malorie Blackman, Charlie Higson, Francesca Simon, Sir Lenny Henry, Frank Cottrell-Boyce** and **Rose Ayling-Ellis.**

There are **brilliant prizes** to be won, including a framed illustrated cover of their story, **created exclusively** by **Yuval Zommer, Nicola Kent, Matty Long, Diane Ewen, Becky Cameron**, and **Chanté Timothy.**

Please use the following link to find out more information about the competition.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words

Deadline for applying for Secondary School:

If you have a child in Year 6, a reminder that the deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is 31st October. For information on how to do this please use the link below:

https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Miss Housley's Class trip to Forest Quest:

On Monday Miss Housley's class had an amazing adventure at Forest Quest! We found a badger set, lots of pinecones that the squirrels had been eating and lots of sycamores! We ended the day with marshmallows toasted on the fire!

The children were incredibly well behaved and showed some great resilience! Thank you to all the parent/carer volunteers that helped on both Forest Quest trips.

New Lunch Menu & Menu Change:

We have an exciting new lunch menu launching after half term – you can find a full copy of it on our website:

https://www.easingwoldprimary.co.uk/lunchtime-menu-and-packed-lunch-guidance

Please note that we start back on WEEK 3 of the menu.

We also have a special menu on Monday 2nd November to celebrate Halloween! The spooky menu will be as follows:

Halloween Monster Burger
Or
Mummy Sausage
With
Witches Broomsticks (chips)
Spooky Spuds & Blood Beans

Followed by
Zombies Brains & I-Scream
(Jelly with Ice Cream)
Or Cobweb Oaty Slice
(Chocolate Flapjack)

Freaky Sand-Witch and Potato in Jacket options as normal

PTA Secret Santa:

As Christmas approaches, we are excited to continue our very popular Secret Santa event. On **Friday 6th November** we will be having a non-uniform day in return for a donation of a small gift for our Secret Santa stall. Popular items include sweets, chocolates, toys, toiletries, cosmetics, candles (any items for men would be most welcome as we are often short of these – sports related items, games, puzzles, winter accessories like gloves, hats etc). **Please do not send in any items containing nuts as we are a nut free school.** Many thanks in advance for your support with this and we look forward to receiving your donations – please can children take their donation to their classroom and place it in the box which will be there on the morning on 6th November.

Then, children will be able to visit our Secret Santa room on **Friday 4th December** during the school day to buy and wrap Christmas gifts for family and friends. Please can you help by asking your child to let us know who they would like to buy a present for. A note in the purse of younger children would be very helpful. Prices will be £2 for each gift. All money raised during this event will go towards EPIC's fundraising to support our school. **Please can we also request that any children who have allergies have a note in their purse or that we are notified at the email address below so that we can ensure that they do not buy unsuitable gifts.**

If you are able to help on Friday 4th December please let us know as soon as possible – it's always such a fun day!

Devon Wells – PTA Chair

Wishing you all a very happy half term.

Mrs Parratt
Headteacher

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us know if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over phone?

Spare newsletters are available in the rack outside the school office, together with holiday forms and permission to administer medicine forms. Tel: 01347 821282 email: admin@easingwoldprimary.co.uk.

EAT SMART

Autumn/Winter Menu Week 3

WEEK THREE	HALLOWEEN MENU	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PLANET PIZZA THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal	Halloween Monster Burger with Witches Broomsticks	Minced Beef & Onion Short crust Pastry Pie with Potato	Roast Chicken Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	**Wholemeal Pizza** Margherita with Pasta Salad	Battered Fish & Chips
Vegetarian Option	Mummy Sausage with Witches Broomsticks	Macaroni Cheese	Roasted Butternut and Lentil Loaf with Tomato Sauce & Yellow Mixed Rice VG	Vegetable Pasta Carbonara	Quorn Burger with Chips
Sandwiches	Ham or Cheese Freaky Sand-witch	Tuna or Cheese Wrap	Ham or Cheese Bap	Tuna or Cheese Wrap	Ham or Cheese Sandwich
Grab & Go (Year 5/6 only)		Main or Veg		Main or Veg	
Vegetables	Spooky Spuds & Blood Beans	Carrots & Garden Peas	Country Mixed Vegetables	Carrots or Sweetcorn	Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Zombie Brains & Ice Cream or Cobweb Oaty Slice	Ginger Sponge & Custard	Iced Sponge Cake	Crunchy Biscuit with Fresh Fruit Slices VG	Raspberry Jelly VG

Available Daily: Pick & Mix Selection, Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Portion(s) of fruit or veg | Source of wholegrain | Contains plant-based proteins | 50% fruit | Oily fish | Vegan VG

England's target for 'free sugar' intake for your child
Recommended fruit and vegetable portion sizes are calculated using School Food Standards.
On average our desserts do not exceed a third of a child's recommended 'free sugar' intake.

Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Training Day – SCHOOL CLOSED: Friday 23rd October

Half term: Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October

Reception Phonics Info Sessions for Parents: Tuesday 3rd November 2.30pm OR

Reception Phonics Info Sessions for Parents: Wednesday 4th November 2.30pm

Secret Santa Donations – Non-uniform: Friday 6th November

Photographs: Thursday 12th November

Year 6 Crucial Crew: Wednesday 18th November

Year 3 Geography trip to York: Tuesday 24th November

Year 4 Geography trip to York: Wednesday 25th November

Secret Santa: Friday 4th December

Year 1 Nativity: Wednesday 9th December 2.15pm

Year 1 Nativity: Thursday 10th December 2.15pm

Year 2 Trip to Flamingo Land: Thursday 10th December

Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day: Friday 11th December

Year 2 Carols on the Playground: Friday 11th December 2.30pm

Reception Christmas Stay & Play: Tuesday 15th December 1.30pm OR

Reception Christmas Stay & Play: Wednesday 16th December 1.30pm

Christmas Church Service: Friday 18th December (times tbc)

Last Day of Term: Friday 18th December

Training Day – SCHOOL CLOSED: Monday 4th January

School Reopens: Tuesday 5th January

Residentials 2027

Year 4 Birch Hall: Wednesday 5th May - Friday 7th May 2027

Year 5 Liverpool: Monday 15th March - Wednesday 17th March 2027

Year 6 Bewerley Park: Monday 1st February - Friday 5th February 2027