EASINGWOLD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Hello and welcome to our weekly newsletter. We have had a very settled week in school with lots of busy playing and learning. KS2 children have been working really hard on their playtime behaviour and how they move around school and we have seen a big improvement this week, keep up the good work.

Attendance has been absolutely brilliant too, well done everybody. Our whole school attendance to date is 96.7% compared to the national figure of 95.67%.

The DFE Winter Readiness webinar I attended this week was very useful and the advice will be implemented across school shortly. The advice was very similar to what schools followed during Covid and included; regular handwashing with soap and water, adequate ventilation in classrooms, prompting catch it, bin it, kill it, using tissues for coughs and sneezes and regular cleaning of high touch areas during the school day. To support us with our winter readiness preparation, please promote as much of this at home with your children as you can. If your child has a cold or a sniffle, please send them in with a packet of tissues.



We understand the decision to keep a child off school can be a tricky one and this poster is a useful guide:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6a5f8d3534dfb74772f96c86/UKHSA_13718_Should_I_keep_my_child_off_school_A3_guidance_poster_01_WEB.pdf



We will also be introducing an Under the Weather form that parents will be able to complete via the website which will then be shared with Mrs Hamill and the class teacher. This will be for when a parent feels a child could have a go at coming to school but would like reassurance that staff are aware that they need an eye keeping on them and parents will be contacted if they deteriorate. More details will follow once the website facility has been set up.

Community Pharmacies and Winter Health

As we move into the winter months, community pharmacies can provide fast and convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment, helping children get the support they need quickly and reducing time away from school.

Many parents are unaware of the range of NHS services available from their local pharmacy, including **NHS Pharmacy First**

Parents can take children aged at least **1 year and over** directly to a participating pharmacy for assessment and treatment of common conditions without needing a GP appointment. This includes:

- **Earache (ages 1-17)**
- **Sore throat (ages 5 years and over)**
- **Sinusitis (ages 12 years and over)**
- Impetigo
- Infected insect bites
- Shingles
- Uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women aged 16-64

Pharmacists can provide advice and, where appropriate, supply NHS-funded prescription medicines.

Minor Illness Advice Pharmacists can offer expert advice on managing:

- Coughs and colds
- Fever
- Chickenpox
- Hay fever and allergies
- Sickness and diarrhoea
- Head lice
- Mild skin conditions

Childhood Vaccinations While routine childhood vaccinations are delivered through GP practices, pharmacies can help families access information about seasonal vaccinations and signpost to local services.

Preventing Illness Over Winter Community pharmacy teams can provide advice on:

- Managing winter viruses
- Healthy eating and hydration
- Supporting children with asthma and other long-term conditions
- Appropriate use of medicines

Advice for the Whole Family Many pharmacies also provide services for adults, including flu vaccinations, blood pressure checks, contraception services, and NHS advice on staying well during winter. **Most pharmacies offer walk-in consultations with no appointment required, making them an accessible first point of contact when a child becomes unwell.**

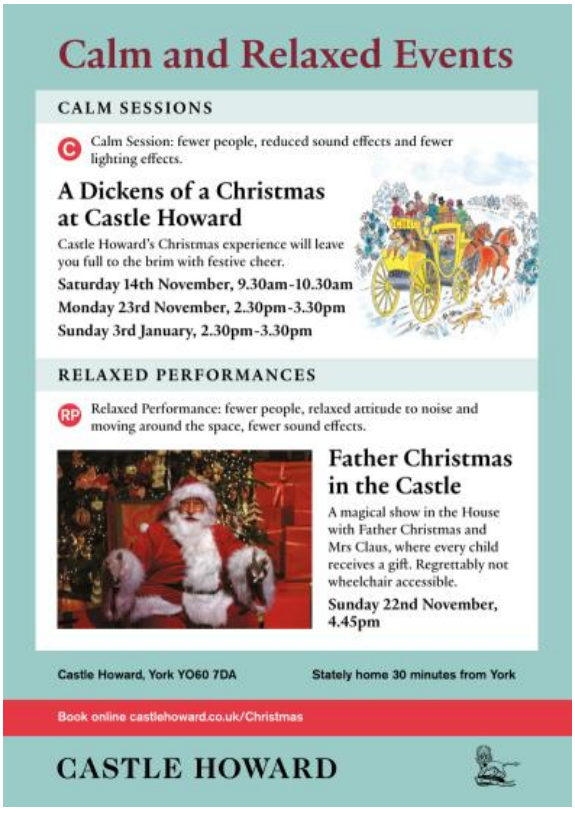
Parents can find their nearest pharmacy and available services by visiting the NHS website at: www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy

Community pharmacies play an important role in supporting families and helping children stay healthy, reducing the need for GP appointments and helping children remain in school whenever possible. Further information is available at New patient-facing website to promote NHS pharmacy clinical services - Community Pharmacy England

SEN Spotlight:



Book a place via our website here: sendiassnorthyorkshire.co.uk



Ambassadors:

I have been so impressed with the enthusiasm that many of our Year 5 and 6 pupils are showing for their Ambassador roles and we have a lot of activities going on over the next few weeks from bake sales, to clubs for younger children to charity events. Well done to Finley R, Alex H, Boy M, Skye R, Elliot S (some of our Sporting Ambassadors) for running a very successful and popular lunchtime penalty shoot out this week and congratulations to Oliver R who was the winner, watch this space for more lunchtime competitions!



All monies raised will go to our chosen charity this year which is a children's bereavement charity called Just 'B' based in North Yorkshire. Money raised for this fantastic cause will be done in memory of the three much loved and greatly missed parents we lost last year. We plan to do an event in memory of each of those parents and our first one will be dedicated to Joel who loved skateboarding and anything related to wheels! During the week commencing 23rd November, you will be able to make a donation (suggested £1 minimum) for your child/ren to bring their bike/scooter/skateboard/roller skates etc. to school and have a session during school the day riding them on the playground with their classmates. More info about how to donate on Arbor will follow.

https://justb.org.uk/

The days are as follows:
Reception and Year 3/4 - Monday 23rd November
Year 2 - Tuesday November 24th
Year 5/6 and Year 1 - Wednesday 25th November

If the weather is not on our side, a message will be sent out and we will plan an alternative date.

Please send in helmets with your children, we do have some spares in school if they do not have one. When children arrive at school they will need to park their wheels in either the KS2 bike park or the shelter under Mrs Waller's classroom and hang their helmets on the handlebars. If they're bringing roller skates or a skateboard, they need to be brought into the classroom.

We cannot wait to have lots of wheelie fun whilst raising money for such a worthwhile cause.

Lost Property:

We have an increasing number of items in lost property which are unnamed – **please help us by ensuring that you name all items or we are unable to return them to their rightful owner.**

Mrs Hamill will put all unnamed lost property out at the front of the school as often as the weather permits. As we are unable to store unnamed lost property indefinitely, at the end of each half term all items that have not been claimed will either be given to the PTA for their uniform sale or they will be given to charity. Thank you.

From the Chair of Governors:

On Monday afternoon I will be available from 3.15pm to 3.35pm for any parents who want to bring anything to the attention of governors, or who just want to say hello. I will be standing outside the main entrance at the bottom of the ramp with a lanyard on. Do come and say hello. Edward Fenning

North Yorkshire Music Service:

A reminder that North Yorkshire Music Service offer individual and group music lessons – these are held during school time with one of their peripatetic music teachers. To find out more about prices and to enquire about booking please use the link below:

https://northyorkshiremusicservice.co.uk/

Workers of the Week:

Our Workers of the Week this week are:

Zakariah R - Mrs Cooper
Tommy D - Miss Housley
Freya D - Mrs O'Neill's Class
Millie K - Miss Woolloff's Class
Guinevere WF - Mrs Hargreaves's Class
Penelope B - Mrs Waller's Class
Oliver C - Miss Galtrey's Class
Isla B - Miss Mossop's Class
Flynn FH - Mrs Francis/Mrs Hannam's Class
Boy M - Mrs MacFadyen's Class
Harry B - Mr Sleightholme's Class
Lyla H - Mrs Robson-Beck's Class



Well done to you all!

Golden Letters:

Congratulations to our Golden Letter recipients this week:

Muhammad F, Ralfie M, Chloe R and Alfie W



Keep up the great work!

Co-op Community Fund:

Thank you to everybody who chose us as their chosen community fund charity on the Co-op app. Fundraising has now finished and school will receive £1639 to spend on play equipment. We plan to buy a new outdoor pool table and cover, some more Swingballs for KS2 and use it towards materials for a new sandpit and to create a camping role play area for KS1.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Parratt
Headteacher

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 2

WEEK TWO	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PLANET PIZZA THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal	**All Day Breakfast:** Pork Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans & Herby Potatoes	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti and Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Option	Macaroni Cheese	Cheesy Egg Muffin, Baked Beans & Jacket Wedges	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Sweet Chilli Quorn Sausage & Vegetables with Noodles VG	Wholegrain Mexican Bean Wrap with Chips
Sandwiches	Ham or Cheese Sandwich	Tuna or Cheese Wrap	Ham or Cheese Bap	Tuna or Cheese Wrap	Ham or Cheese Bap
Grab & Go (Year 5/6 only)		Main or Veg		Main or Veg	
Vegetables	Broccoli, Sweetcorn	Garden Peas & Cauliflower	Country Mixed Vegetables	Broccoli & 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	Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit Slices VG	Chocolatey Orange Fudge Cake	Flapjack	Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard	Rice Pudding

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.

Diary Dates:

Year 6 Crucial Crew: Wednesday 18th November

Reception & Year 6 NCMP Height and Weight Check: Monday 23rd 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