

EGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Headteacher:

Mr Richard Kitching

March 2021



It has been great to have all of our pupils back in school over the last few weeks. There has been a lovely atmosphere as class routines, friendships and collaborative learning have been restored and there has been a return to a sense of normality. Thank you to all of the Parents and Carers that have supported us to enable a smooth transition back to the full opening of school since 8th March. I know the staff have all really enjoyed seeing all of the children again in person. After everyone enjoys a well-earned break over the Easter period, we will return to embark on what will hopefully be an exciting summer term. We are still awaiting to see if any of the government guidance for schools changes for the summer term, but hopefully the restrictions will ease to an extent to allow us to enjoy some school community events such as Sports Day. I hope you all have a great Easter with your families. Let's keep our fingers' crossed for good weather!

Mr Kitching

New Egginton Primary School Website

We are proud to announce that our new school website has recently been launched! Please take the time to browse the site and let us know what you think.

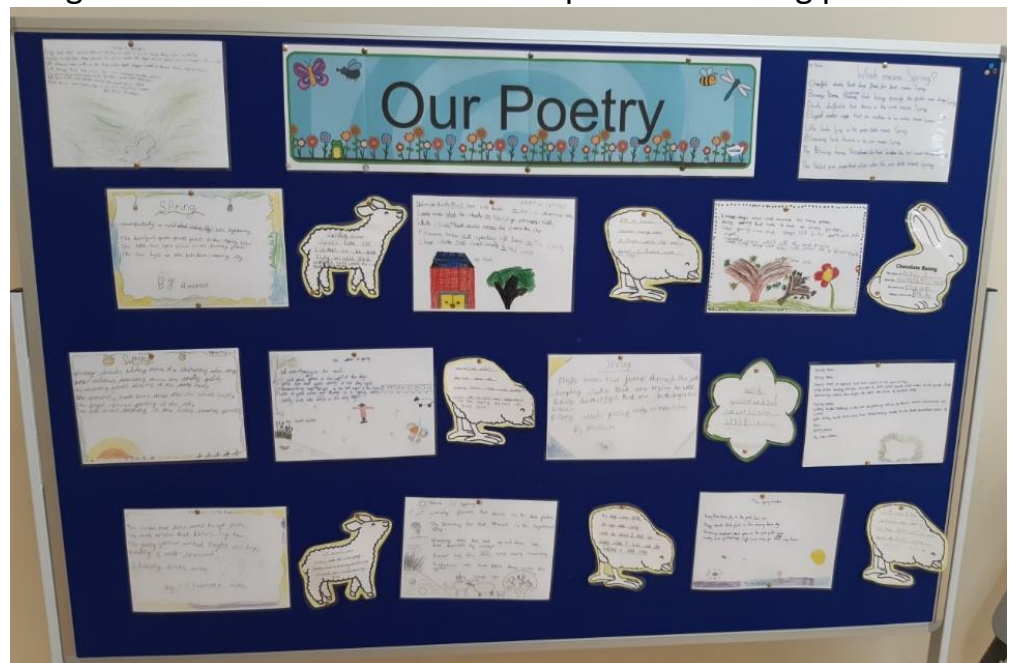
The link is below:

<https://www.egginton.derbyshire.sch.uk/>

World Poetry Day 2021

On Monday 22nd March the pupils celebrated World Poetry Day. They joined online for a school assembly in the morning and listened to several famous poems including poems read by

Michael Rosen and Roger McGough. They then created their own poems throughout the week. Dove Class focused on writing Limericks, Trent class composed poems incorporating powerful imagery based around the theme of Spring whilst Derwent Class created a selection of Shape Poems also on the theme of Spring. At the



end of the week many pupils read out their poems during the Friday online school assembly. There were some fantastic poetic compositions from pupils in all three classes and they should be very proud of their work. We have put a selection of the poems on display in the hall.



Eco- Schools

Our school council met earlier this month to discuss the next steps in our mission to attain the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. This is part of our ongoing target to become more environmentally friendly as a school. They led a whole school online assembly to explain the process behind the 'Pen Recycling Station' and the 'Food Packaging Recycling



Station' to the rest of the pupils in school. The school council will be monitoring how well this is working and will be reporting back at their next meeting after Easter.



Parking at School Drop Off and Collection Times

Sadly, we have recently received complaints from some residents that live in Egginton about parking during school drop off and collection times. The nature of the complaints is based around inconsiderate and dangerous parking by some Parents and Carers, particularly around the Smedley Court area.

Please can all Parents and Carers exercise extreme consideration and care when parking on the 'school run' and park in a safe and non-congested area of the village. This may mean parking further away from school and walking a short distance.

Thank you to the vast majority of Parents and Carers that do park considerately at all times.

Egginton/ Etwall Freeport HS2 site

Many of you may know about this already but we have been requested to make our Parents and Carers aware of the planned HS2 Freeport site that is scheduled to be built on land in between Egginton and Etwall. If you wish to find out further information, a Facebook group has been set up by one of the parents of a pupil in the school (Rhiannon Fearn) to discuss the potential impact that this large planned development will have on the local community. It is entitled Freeport Resident Action Group and the contact email is Fragetwall@gmail.com

Also, additional information can be found on the Egginton Village website. The link for this is below:

http://www.egginton.org.uk/html/egginton_news.htm

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Lea Green Cancellation

Unfortunately, we will not be able to take our Year 5 and 6 pupils on the planned residential trip to the Lea Green Outdoor Education Centre this summer. Originally, this was scheduled for the end of May. However, all scheduled residential at the centre up until the end of June have now been cancelled.

Nevertheless, we are optimistic that we will be able to take our Year 5 and 6 pupils on a day visit to Lea Green to participate in a variety of outdoor activities that they would have been involved in during the planned residential. We are currently awaiting further information from Lea Green about the day visits and when or whether they can go ahead. We will inform you when we know more.

Actions to take if your child tests positive for Covid-19 over the Easter break

Following on from recent information received from the DfE, the following are actions that you need to take if your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the Easter break period. This applies to any children that you have that currently attend Egginton Primary School.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the first 6 days of the Easter break (up to and including 7th April) please can you email Mr Kitching directly at headteacher@egginton.derbyshire.sch.uk and put in the subject line of the email 'Positive Covid-19 Case for (Your Child's name)'. In the email please give further details about the date and time that your child first started displaying symptoms of Covid-19 and any other information you have received from the NHS. It is essential that you do this as soon as you receive the positive test result.

The exact time that the Covid symptoms first developed is particularly important if they first started showing within 48 hours of your child last being in school as this will have an impact on which pupils and staff will be required to self-isolate (for example, if they first developed a high temperature at 8pm on Friday, 2nd April).

Mr Kitching will be checking his emails on a daily basis during the first six days and will get back to you as soon as he can to confirm that he has received your message.

Once notified of a positive case, Mr Kitching will contact the Public Health England team and follow the advice given to him. He will work with them to identify which pupils and staff have been in contact with the positive case during school hours and therefore will need to self-isolate in line with the current NHS guidelines.

If your child is identified as a contact that needs to self-isolate you will be informed in the first instance by text message and further information may follow on Parentmail or separately from NHS Test and Trace depending on the advice given by Public Health England.

If your child that attends school tests positive after the first six days of the Easter break, then you are not required to notify Mr Kitching straight away due to the length of time that will have passed since your child was in school. In this scenario you will need to follow the current NHS guidance that applies to the wider public. Current links for further information are below:

[Symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[How long to self-isolate - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

However, if your child is going to be absent from school at the start of next term due to testing positive, self-isolating or for any other illness or unforeseen circumstance, please notify the school office as normal.

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Date	Event
1 st April	Celebration Assembly (Online) – Last day of term
2 nd April to 16 th April	School closed to all pupils for Easter break
19 th April	School open to staff and pupils for the start of the Summer term
21 st and 22 nd April	'Bikeability' for Year 6 Pupils
3 rd May	Bank Holiday – School closed
31 st May to 4 th June	School closed for half term break
7 th June and 8 th June	INSET Days – School closed to all pupils
24 th June	School Photo Day
22 nd July	Celebration Assembly, Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Last day of the school academic year
23 rd July to 1 st September	Summer Break – School closed
2 nd September	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
3 rd September	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
6 th September	School open to staff and pupils

Depending on Government advice, we hope to incorporate more events later in the academic year.