

# EGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Headteacher:

Mr Richard Kitching

September 2021



Our children have made a super start to the new academic year. It has been lovely to see them all settling in to their new classes and enjoying their learning through our whole school topic theme 'In Their Shoes'. Also, it has been fantastic to see the children playing together at lunch time and break times and we are particularly proud of how our older pupils are looking after the younger pupils. During the summer, we removed the storage shed from the playground and replaced it with a larger storage container on the far side of the MacArthur class. This has resulted in more space for our pupils to play in which has been very much appreciated by all of the children. Although Covid restrictions will be in place, we look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming events of the Harvest Festival and Celebration Assembly.

*Mr Kitching*

## **School Allotment Update – Our first Harvest**

Back in the summer term our current Year 6 pupils planted a range of crops at our recently acquired school allotment patch in Egginton.

Following the summer break, some of our Year 5 pupils returned to our allotment patch last week to see if any vegetables had grown over the summer. Much to our relief

they had! Our children enjoyed picking a range of marrows, beetroots and carrots and wheeling them back to school.

You may have seen the picked vegetables outside school last week for you to try. All donations have been gratefully received and will be put towards purchasing new seeds for the children to plant. We look forward to returning to the allotment shortly to pick more vegetables that are still growing there (this includes pumpkins).



## **New School Council and Eco-Committee**

At the beginning of term each class elected new school councillors for this academic year. They have already had their first meeting with Mr Kitching to discuss ideas to improve the school. Their first decision was to name the school teams after trees this term. So, our 4 teams are named: Red Giant Redwoods, Green Maple, Blue Sycamore and Yellow Oak. Our school councillors have all been given a special badge to identify them and they look forward to listening to the views of the other children to make the school even better.

Our new Eco-Committee also met last week for their first meeting. They began by working with Mrs McDonnell and Mr Kitching to carry out an up to date environmental audit of the school. They all agreed that there were lots of things that the school was already doing to be environmentally friendly but also identified a few areas that we can improve on over the coming year to become even more so as we move towards achieving a Green Flag Award.



## Covid-19 Update

Covid-19 cases remain high in the South Derbyshire area and we ask that parents and carers continue to work with us to help reduce the spread of the virus as much as possible in order to stop people falling ill as well as causing disruption to learning.

A reminder that if your child has any of the 3 main Covid-19 symptoms, please do not send them into school. Please book a PCR test as soon as possible and only bring them back to school if this is recorded as negative.

The three main symptoms as identified by the NHS are:

- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change in taste or smell
- A high temperature

Also, if you are identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace, please book a PCR test as soon as possible.

Further information about Covid-19 symptoms, how to book a PCR test and how to order lateral flow tests for your family can be found in the following links.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Thank you for your continued support in relation to stopping the spread of the virus.

## PTA Christmas Fundraiser: The Egginton Primary School Recipe Book

We know that we have lots of budding chefs within our school community so we thought it would be a good idea to utilise these talents to put together an Egginton Primary School Recipe Book this year. We plan on making this book available to order and buy during December as a PTA Christmas fundraiser.

More details will follow shortly, but in the meantime, please have a think about a favourite recipe that you and your family would like to contribute towards the book.



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## Free School Meals applications

This is just a reminder that if you think that your child may be eligible for free school meals please click on the link below to apply:



<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/primary-admissions/parentsguide/more-information/school-meals/am-i-entitled-to-free-school-meals.aspx>

Date	Event
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival at St. Wilfrid's Church (1 parent per family)
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Mixed Football Tournament at Etwall Leisure Centre 4pm to 5.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Annual General Meeting at 7pm via Zoom
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Celebration Assembly and last day of half term
25 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closed for Half term break
1 <sup>st</sup> November	School open to staff and pupil
W/C 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Parent and Carer Consultation meetings this week
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Performance
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Celebration Assembly and Last day of term