

Egloskerry School

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 * view the newsletter on our website; please check *
 * every week for more information and updates. *
 * This week: a Thank You from Mrs Bone, details *
 * of Scope workshops for parents, the Summer *
 * Reading Challenge, a warning about parking, *
 * INSET days, Giving Machine info, Aspens' *
 * school menu app & job vacancy, Health Box & *
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Welcome back for the Autumn term at Egloskerry; it seems the Autumn weather has already joined us! It had been wonderful hearing all of the stories of exciting adventures over the summer holidays. A very warm welcome is extended to the children and their families who have joined us, not only in Class R, but throughout the school as well. We hope that you are enjoying your start to Egloskerry School, and please ask the teachers or pop into the office if you have any questions.

A big welcome to the new staff team: Mr Chorlton is teaching Year 6 in Class 3, Mrs Coombs is teaching Class 2 and Miss Wilton is teaching Class 1. Mrs Kinsella also joins us; she will be teaching in all classes throughout the week, and has been busy getting to know all of the children. You may recall it was Miss Stokes who joined us on the move up days, we are delighted to announce she got married in the summer holidays; congratulations to Mr and Mrs Coombs!

We are also pleased to report that Egloskerry School successfully converted to an Academy within the Launceston College Multi Academy Trust (MAT) on the 1st September. We look forward to closer ties with our feeder secondary school and the benefits this will bring to the school as a whole.

Mrs L Slater, Acting Headteacher

I am delighted to welcome Egloskerry School into the Launceston College MAT. This is a very exciting time for all of us involved in education within the Launceston area, and we look forward to working with the staff, children and families of Egloskerry School, to further develop and enhance their school life.

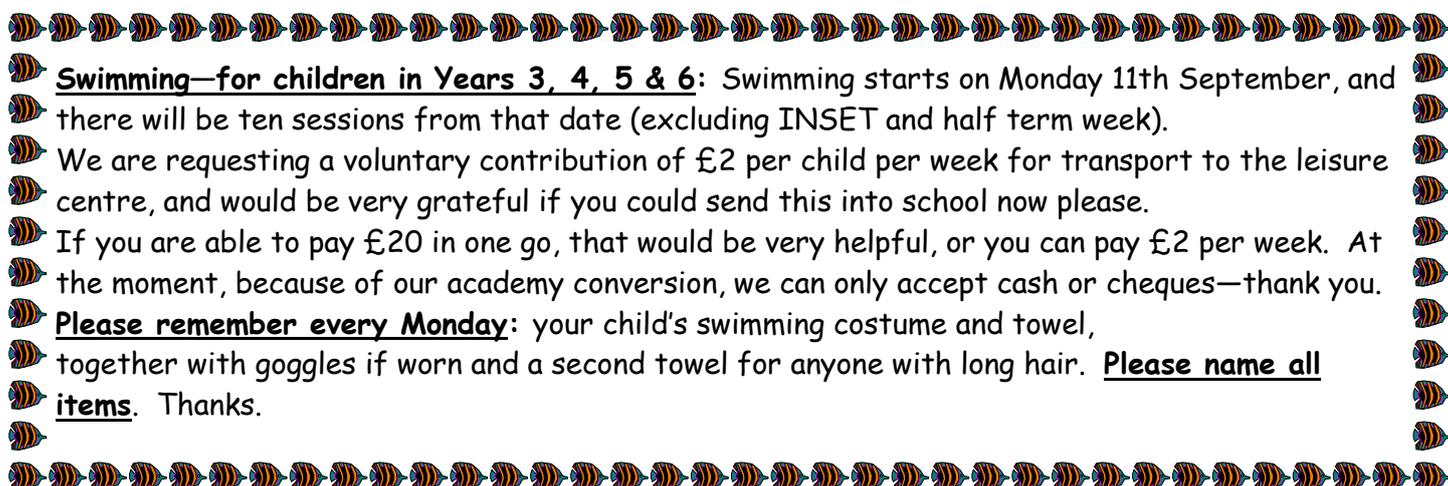
The aim of the Launceston College MAT is for young people to become happy, responsible and successful by learning the knowledge, skills and values which are important for society. We are very proud of the achievements and progress made by individual pupils and schools within the MAT and are confident that broadening our experience to include education from 4 - 19 will enhance the learning experience of all of our students.

The daily leadership of the school continues to be the Headteacher; these roles are known as the Principal of the school within the Launceston College MAT. Mrs Slater is undertaking this role, split with her Launceston College duties during Mrs Kerr's maternity leave; please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries. I look forward to meeting parents and children over the coming

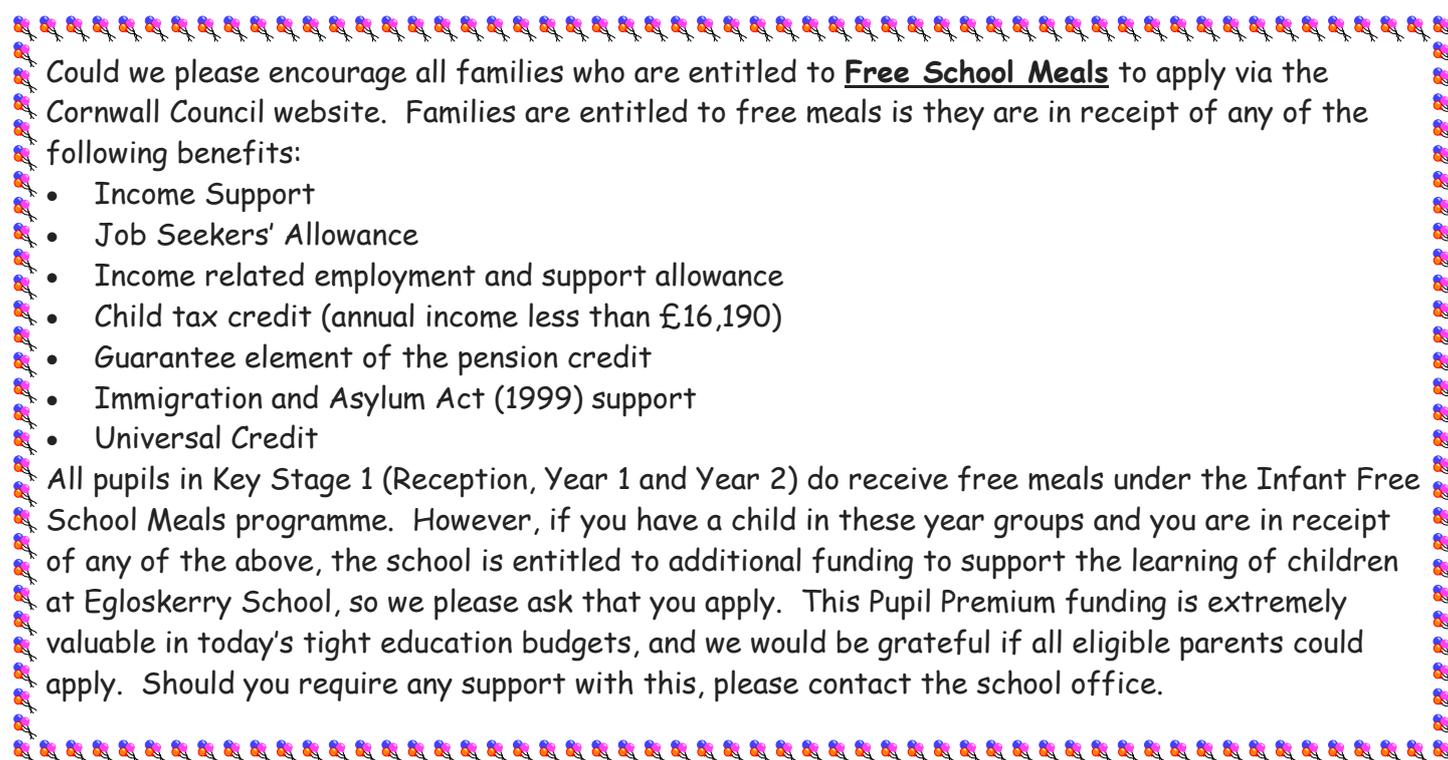
Kernow Health are coming into school to carry out hearing screening for children in Year 1 on Tuesday 26th September. This will be in line with parental consents already received, and you do not need to be present. Parents and carers will receive feedback if any further action is required.

Notes & reminders:

- **Guitar players:** Please note that the first session this term is on *Thursday 14th September*, so please remember your guitar every Thursday! If any other children are interested in learning to play, please ask at the office for details. We will need to check with the guitar teacher about availability and also whether the child is at the right age to start learning.
- **Please make all cheques for school payable to Launceston College.** School meals cheques are still payable to Aspens Services. Thank you.
- **Names in all children's uniform and belongings!** Would you please ensure that all your children's belongings are clearly named, as we cannot find the owners of the many unnamed items which arrive at the office. Thank you.
- Please start saving all your unwanted clothes etc for a Bags2School collection later this term. We will shortly send home a bag to fill, the date for collection and a list of what can be included. Funds are received for the school's private fund account. Thank you.
- If anyone else would like to buy a **whole school photo** please ask at the office for a copy as soon as possible, as we will shortly be returning all payments for photos. Thanks.



Swimming—for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: Swimming starts on Monday 11th September, and there will be ten sessions from that date (excluding INSET and half term week). We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £2 per child per week for transport to the leisure centre, and would be very grateful if you could send this into school now please. If you are able to pay £20 in one go, that would be very helpful, or you can pay £2 per week. At the moment, because of our academy conversion, we can only accept cash or cheques—thank you. **Please remember every Monday:** your child's swimming costume and towel, together with goggles if worn and a second towel for anyone with long hair. **Please name all items.** Thanks.



Could we please encourage all families who are entitled to **Free School Meals** to apply via the Cornwall Council website. Families are entitled to free meals if they are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- Child tax credit (annual income less than £16,190)
- Guarantee element of the pension credit
- Immigration and Asylum Act (1999) support
- Universal Credit

All pupils in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) do receive free meals under the Infant Free School Meals programme. However, if you have a child in these year groups and you are in receipt of any of the above, the school is entitled to additional funding to support the learning of children at Egloskerry School, so we please ask that you apply. This Pupil Premium funding is extremely valuable in today's tight education budgets, and we would be grateful if all eligible parents could apply. Should you require any support with this, please contact the school office.

Mrs Gumbrell has requested that all dinner money is paid on Mondays for the week. If paying by cheque please make payable to Aspens Services (£2.20 per child, Years 3,4,5 & 6). Please put in an envelope with your child's name, class, amount paid, and date. Mrs Gumbrell will either send home change if needed, or carry forward to the following week. Parents of children in Class R can send in a list on Mondays of their child's choices for the week, or their child can choose in class when the dinner register is taken each day. Thank you.

Children in Years 5 and 6 are looking forward to their Camp Kernow adventure next week! They will leave school on Wednesday at 9.15am, so should arrive promptly that morning please. The coach will return to school on Friday at approximately 3.00pm. You should have received some forms yesterday which we would be very grateful if you could complete and return to school as soon as possible. Any children not attending the visit this year will come to school as usual on those days. Thank you.

School Uniform: If you would like any items of uniform for your child, please ask at the office for an order form. We will shortly be sending in a special order for fleeces, cardigans and jackets, so would be grateful for all orders and payments by **Friday 15th September**. We are unable to keep all of these in stock, so please ensure you place your order! Thank you. We will also then be stocking up on items we keep in school for you to buy throughout the year: sweatshirts, polo shirts, PE shirts, book bags, PE bags, baseball caps and legionnaire's caps.

There is a special menu on Tuesday 19th September—Yo ho ho Pirate Menu:
Captain Crunch chicken nuggets, or Pirate pizza pinwheel
Served with shipwreck salad, buccaneer beans, capsized coleslaw and cannon curly fries.
Ship Ahoy melon boat, or Walk the Plank iced chocolate shortbread
The cost is the usual £2.20 for junior aged children. Please book in the normal way on the day, and send payment in on Monday 18th September. Thank you.

Sports clubs: We are delighted to announce we were awarded the Gold Standard in the annual School Games Mark. This is a reflection of the range of activities run by staff, volunteers and local clubs here at the school. Many thanks to all involved. Thank you very much to Mr Shaw, who has volunteered to take over the running of the football club for KS2 children, after the recent leadership of Mr McAsey. We will send home new Football Club letters for KS1 and KS2 in due course, with details of the start date.

