

Egloskerry School

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Egloskerry School Website:

www.egloskerry.cornwall.sch.uk: You can also view the newsletter on our website; please check every week for more information and updates. This week: The Giving Machine, the Aspens app and a job vacancy, the Health Box & the Disclaimer.

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We are very pleased to advise you that Forest School sessions will start next week—the first one being on <u>Monday 23rd April for all classes</u>.

Would you please ensure your child has Forest School clothes each Monday:

Wellies/boots, long sleeved/warm tops and jumpers, long and warm trousers/jogging bottoms, gloves. These should be old/outdoor clothes as they will get muddy! For YR to Y2 there are some wellies in school that children can wear if this helps. However most children do like to bring their own. Please name everything where possible, and long hair must be tied back.

Could children in Class R please come to school in their Forest School clothes, with their wellies in a bag—no need to bring uniform. Thank you.

Forest School sessions will be run by Miss Unwin from Launceston College. She has a fully multi-sensory approach to outdoor education and is very much looking forward to linking this work to our Roman topic.

We said goodbye to Mrs Alford on the last day of term, which was very sad in one way, but a lovely farewell to a lady who has worked so hard at Egloskerry School for over 30 years! Mrs Alford, children and guests enjoyed a picnic lunch in the afternoon, followed by a special assembly, to which parents and carers were also invited. All the classes performed poems and songs for Mrs Alford, and Mrs Jewell read out a poem, helped by the acting skills of four of the children! We were very pleased to present Mrs Alford with gifts from the children and their families, staff and guests, and wish her a very long and happy retirement.

Mrs Alford sent a message: I would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who made my last day at the school so special—it was much appreciated.

We would like to thank everyone who helped and supported the school last term—the Open the Book Assembly team, our governors, students who have been in school, and also volunteers who help in class and in the office. Thank you very much.

Notes & reminders:

- Could we please request all parents, carers and family members who drop off or collect children to park with consideration for our neighbours. Apparently, cars have been parking in private residents' spaces at St Keri Court, and also blocking the entrance. We have to advise our neighbours to contact the police in these instances, and they will no doubt also pass on registration numbers. Thank you to everyone for your support with this.
- If any other Year R or Year 6 parent/carer would like to order the Vista photo, could they please send in the order form and payment tomorrow as we will be sending off the orders.
- Please see the certificate on the children's noticeboard from Children in Need, which thanked us for raising the great sum of £129.50—thank you everyone!
- Shebbear College are delighted to welcome parents/carers and Y5/6 children to the College on their Open Day to show their wonderful Senior School and campus. This is on Monday 7th May, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. For more details, please see the College website.

School Uniform: Could we please ask you to ensure that all items of your child's clothing are clearly named, so that sweatshirts etc can be returned to their owners. Now that the better weather is here, it will be very difficult to re-unite children with their unnamed sweatshirts, and very timeconsuming at the end of each playtime!

Long Hair: Please remember that long hair, which can be tied back, should be tied back at all times in school. This can be plaits, pony tails, bunches, etc.

Sun Cream/Sunglasses: Now the better weather is with us, hopefully for some time, please put sun cream on your child each morning (there is a brand "Once" which can be used). If your child brings in sun cream, please ensure it is named, and they are able to apply it themselves. Please note, sunglasses are not allowed in school unless there is a medical reason, in which case, please send in with your child, together with a letter. Thank you very much.

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💃 We have been advised by the music teacher that, unfortunately, he does not have any 🛂 spare lesson time at the moment. Also, it is better for children to start learning once 🕽 they reach Year 3, when they have developed the necessary dexterity.

If you had expressed an interest, and would like to put your child's name on the waiting 🛂 list, please send a note in to the school office. Thank you.

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💢 Bag2School will be collecting from Egloskerry Nursery on Monday 23rd April. Please bring your bag (or $ot \simeq$ bags!) of unwanted clothes and help us have a really good collection. Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Arena Monthly Challenge—April: Basketball Dribble Draw a start line using playground chalk. From the start line, put out five cones, 1m apart. From start line, dribble basketball in and out of the cones to the end and then back again to the start line. Keep repeating for a minute. Score - 1 point for each complete circuit from start line and back to start line plus 0.1 point for each cone passed on the final lap if incomplete, e.g. a score may be 5.3, 2.9 etc. It's the same challenge for all age groups—we are looking for the highest scoring in the following categories: KS1 girl, KS1 boy, KS2 girl, KS2 boy, staff, parent. Please have a go at home and send in your scores to Mrs Coombs by the end of this month—good luck!

Aspens Catering Assistant Vacancy: Aspens Catering Services are looking for a Catering Assistant for Egloskerry Primary School. This is a great opportunity to work within a small team, providing a high quality catering service. We are looking for a flexible, confident person with a friendly personality and exceptional customer service skills, basic food preparation experience and a 'can do' attitude. Reporting to the Catering manager of Egloskerry, general duties include basic food preparation in line with our menu and recipes, health & safety compliance, cleaning duties, setting up the hall and serving from the counter. Catering experience is preferred and full training will be given. All offers will be subject to two references provided, a successful DBS clearance and a Right to work in the UK check. Start date - 12th March 2018

Term time only - Monday to Friday, 7.5 contract hours (1.5 hours per day), Hourly rate - £7.50

For further information - please call Tracy Sargent on 07711485217

The Giving Machine: please help us to fundraise by joining The Giving Machine (free to join). It takes just two minutes to register, and parents and staff who shop online at the huge selection of shopping sites earn commission for the school. The company only supports charities and schools, and are members of the Institute of Fundraising and the Fundraising Standards Board. Please log onto: thegivingmachine.co.uk, click on "Join our Giving Community" and follow the instructions. Please remember our school each time you shop online—thank you.

Please see the information on our website about
Aspens Services' new app, which will enable you to
see the lunch menu with just a couple of presses
on your smartphone. Egloskerry's unique PIN
number is: 18305882, and the link is:
aspens-services.co.uk/schools/egloskerry-cpschool/
You can search for the app at the App Store or
Google Play, install, add the unique PIN number,

You can search for the app at the App Store or Google Play, install, add the unique PIN number, and you will be able to view the menu, get in touch with Aspens, provide feedback and find out more about their services. The app shows <u>the current menu</u>.

Health Box: We have children attending the school who are prone to picking up infections more easily, so we thought it may be a good idea to include a health box in our weekly newsletter.

We would ask if parents could please inform the school of any infections, viruses or diarrhoea and vomiting that your child may have, as you usually do. Could you please also inform us of any of the above which your children may have been in contact with recently without showing any symptoms, so that we are all aware. Please remember that all children should be at home for 48 hours following sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you.

<u>A note regarding Hearing and Vision Tests</u>: It is very important to ensure your child does not have any problems with their hearing or vision. Screening is carried out in school, by the NHS, for Reception age children, but do please get in touch with your doctor or the School Nurse if you would like tests done at any other time. To contact the Nurse, phone 01288 320152. For vision tests, please contact your local optician, as tests are carried out free of charge for children. If you would like a referral to the School Nurse, please ask at the school office. <u>Headlice</u>: if necessary, please see the information on our website about the treatment of headlice.

<u>Medicines/Cough Sweets etc</u>: please could *all* medicines, cough sweets, antiseptic creams etc be brought to the office, labelled with the child's name. We can administer medicines during the school day; we just need your instructions (a form is available to complete). Any medication kept in a bookbag or rucsac during the day could be picked up by another child, who might be allergic to it. Your child is also welcome to come to the office at break times to take a cough sweet etc. Thank you.

"Signposting" information to parents—Disclaimer: All providers have confirmed that they hold all necessary accreditation, qualifications and insurance to organise and run the events and activities described. No duly appointed officer of Cornwall Council has inspected these services and parents must make their own enquiries and satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the providers before engaging their services. In all the circumstances, neither the school nor One Cornwall will accept any liability arising out of those events.