

# November 2023

## Nut Allergy

**Please be advised that some children in school have been identified as having a severe nut allergy. As you will be aware, allergies can be very serious and can have life threatening consequences. Therefore, we must have your co-operation to manage this and keep all of the children safe and well.**

**We ask that children do not bring nuts or any food or sweets containing nuts to school. Don't forget, nut butters or Nutella sandwiches as well as some cereal bars are unsuitable.**

**There are many unexpected items that should be avoided as these 'may contain nuts'.**

- Chocolate bars
- Cereals/Granola
- Baked Goods
- Energy /Snack bars
- Candy
- Flavoured coffee
- Lotions/shampoos/soaps



## CHARITIES

**From Monday 23rd October, merchandise from the Royal British Legion will be on sale in school.**

**On Friday 17th November, we will hold a non-uniform day with all proceeds going to Children in Need (suggested donation £1). On the week beginning 13th November, fundraising merchandise for Children in Need will be available to buy (wrist bands and pin badges £1).**

## **PTA—Halloween Event**

The PTA met at the beginning of October and are excited to present some family activities over the coming months.

Our first event is a treat afternoon on Friday, 27th October. Children in Years 1-7 will be receive some spooky treats and activities from 1pm—3pm.

All children can come to school in fancy dress on Friday 27th — nothing too scary as the teachers are easily spooked!

PTA would be delighted with a donation of £2.50, payable on the school app.



## **PTA—Christmas Events**



The PTA are looking froward to organising a 'Supper With Santa' event on Thursday 6th December. We will be in touch soon with confirmed dates and further information. The funds raised by our PTA this year

will fund a perimeter fence on the playing field and Outdoor Learning Development.

## Christmas Events

Yes I know it is only October! However, preparations for Christmas are well underway.

The order for Personalised Christmas cards has been placed and we hope to have these with you by the end of November.

*Merry Christmas*

Children's Christmas crafts will be available to purchase on the School Money App from Monday 6th November. These will be available for collection from school at our 'Supper With Santa'.

Years 1, 2 and 3 will have a festive morning in school planned with lots of fun festive activities, treats and hopefully a special visitor (if he's not too busy!) on Monday 4th December.

Year 4-7 will go to see the Pantomime on Monday 4th December, any outstanding amount can be paid on the School Money app until Friday 24th November.

Years 1-4 look forward to inviting parents into school to share their Christmas performances, provisional dates are as follows: Y1-2 Tuesday, 12th December at 1:30pm. Years 3-4 Thursday, 14th December at 1:30pm. Children can go home with their parents after the performance.

Years 5-7 will host a Coffee and Carol afternoon on Wednesday, 20th December at 1:30pm to get everyone in the Festive Spirit, we would love you to join us.



## MEDICINES POLICY

We have had to review our medicine policy in recent weeks. Staff can administer prescription medicine as necessary. This should be clearly labelled and documented through the school office. Unfortunately, staff can no longer administer over the counter medicine such as Calpol or Nurofen. As always it is important to assess your children's health before coming to school. If children have a temperature or are feeling unwell, school may not be the best place to recuperate. In recent weeks we have been experiencing high level of staff and children sickness, this puts a significant drain on our resources.

## COMMUNICATION

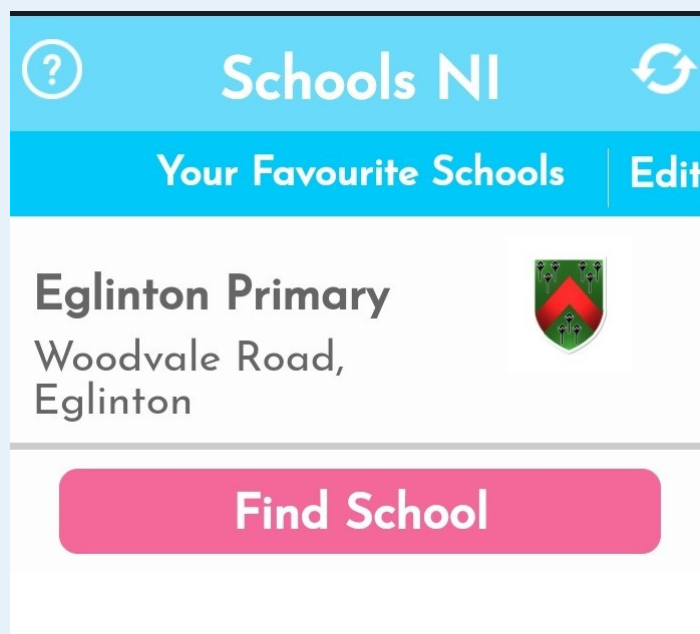
All school messages will be sent via the school app, as this is the most cost effect method for school.

Please ensure that you have the school app downloaded to your phone and that notifications are switched on.

The app can be downloaded free from the app store. Grandparents and childminders can also download this to keep informed.

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## Dates for your diary!

Monday 23rd October	Poppies available	
Friday 27th October	Halloween dress up	
Mon 30th—Fri 3rd Nov	Half Term	(Children should not attend)
Monday 13th Nov	Odd Socks Day + Anti-Bullying week	
Friday 17th November	Non Uniform Day—All donations to Children in Need	
Monday 4th Dec	Trip to the Millennium Forum 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (Y4-7) Festive Morning (Y1-3)	
Thursday 6th December	PTA event Supper with Santa - 6-8pm	
Tuesday 12th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance—1:30pm	
Thursday 14th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance—1:30pm	
Wednesday 20th Dec	Coffee and Carol service (Y5/6/7)- 1:30pm	
Friday 22nd Dec	Half Day—Start of Christmas Holiday	
Thursday 4th January	Spring Term begins	