



# Euxton Church of England Primary School



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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents,

## Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to our Euxton Superstars this week:

**Reception: Isabel Owers**

**Year 1: Lucy Graham**

**Year 2: Maddie White**

**Year 3: Michael Stringfellow**

**Year 4: Evie Coles**

**Year 5: Megan Ainscough**

**Year 6: William Tansey**

Well done to you all!

## Silver Awards

Congratulations to our Silver Award winners. **Chloe Payne, Eleanor Ford, Faye Deacon, Charlie Bamber, Lily Schofield, Eve Chadwick, Megan Eyles, Scott Evans, Daniel Strange, Michael Stringfellow, Evie Tattersall, Toby McKenzie, and Tilly Steele-Moon** were all presented with their certificates this morning.

## Swimming Star

Well done to Alex Rothwell, who was given a 'School Swimming Star' certificate at his lesson at Tarleton yesterday!

## Building Update

The builders worked really hard over the half-term. They have now knocked through into the hall and our hall and servery look very smart after a much needed paint! A special thank you to Aaron, our site supervisor, for making sure school was all tidy, ready for us coming back on Monday. It shouldn't be long now until it is finished.

## Parents Evening

Please ensure your appointment requests are returned to school by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. The staff will be meeting to co-ordinate these and you will be given your date and time as soon as possible. We really do hope you can all make it. **There will be no girls' football or athletics clubs on these nights but Mr Ellison will be in the hall with the taekwando club on Monday after school.**

## Fairtrade

We will once again be welcoming Mrs Cath Greenlees from Fairtrade to lead worship for the whole school on Monday. She will then be working with our junior classes throughout the day in workshops. This will mark the start of Fairtrade Fortnight 2018, which is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

March. She will also be spending time with our School Council on working towards the Fairtrade Award.

### Heartsmart Day

Wednesday was great. A massive thank you to all the staff for their hard work and enthusiasm and to Miss Lewis for co-ordinating the whole day. All the children were in mixed age groups, from Reception to Y6. They each had a passport, which got 'stamped' when they visited each of the seven activities:

- **Don't forget to let love in** - The children were divided into two groups. They made love heart biscuits to give to a loved one, and designed paper hearts. I hope you liked them!
- **Too much selfie isn't healthy** - Made 'selfie sticks' with pictures about making others happy.
- **Don't rub it in, rub it out** - The children were given a scenario and they had to consider what they would do if rubbing it in and rubbing it out. They then made a paper person card!
- **Fake is a mistake** - After discussion, the children made masks that hide the real person, but put words on the back about how important it is to be real. They all signed a giant love heart!
- **No way through, isn't true** - They all worked together to complete an obstacle course, with challenges along the way.
- **Power On** - the children made 'Power On' badges. Being powerful means loving ourselves (I) and loving others (O) too.
- **Boris** - Made Boris robots by decorating, using stickle bricks, lego, etc. and also worked together on a collaborative Big Boris!

Some photos are on my blog on our website, and also on Twitter. Our School Adviser popped in and she described the atmosphere in school in one word - **AWESOME!** I couldn't agree more.

### Boris Robot Competition

The robots looked fantastic! It was great over the holiday to keep seeing tweets with your fantastic creations - thank you to those who have entered so far! The children seem to have really enjoyed the challenge too. It's not too late to enter the competition - the deadline for entries is Monday. Please take a photo and email it to Miss Lewis on [kirstin.lewis@euxton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:kirstin.lewis@euxton.lancs.sch.uk) or post them on our school Twitter feed. There will be an infant and junior winner announced soon!

### Food Hygiene Training

As many of our staff work with the preparation of food in school or Out of School Club, they are having their refresher training next Tuesday afternoon. Alongside them will be 12 children from Year 4, who can then help out over the next few years! I'm sure they will all enjoy the afternoon.

### Highfives not on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February due to a quicksticks tournament

### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

If your year 6 child would like a hoodie and haven't already ordered one, please return the slip with their size and the money to Mrs Hodges in the school office by the deadline of next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Thank you.

### PTFA Meeting

Thank you to all our parents and staff who came along to the meeting this week. A huge thank you to our PTFA who have now purchased an additional interactive whiteboard for school. We really do appreciate the wonderful support we have.

Lots of exciting events are coming up!

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Special Someone Flowers (please return slips and money asap to the office)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Bingo!

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Cinema Night

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Family Walking Treasure Hunt and BBQ

### PTFA Lucky numbers winner

Congratulations to Helen Waugh (Jonathan's mum) who is this month's £20 winner.

### Data Sheets

Thank you to those parents who have already returned their child's data sheet. If you haven't returned the sheet, please do so as soon as possible to Mrs Hodges. Thank you.

### Church Parade

Thank you to William Hopton for carrying the school flag at family parade on Sunday. If your child is in years 4, 5 or 6 and would like to be added to the rota, please let Mrs Parker know  
l.parker@euxton.lancs.sch.uk

### Garden Design Help!

If anyone can help with some advice on a small section of garden design (or knows someone who can) then I would love to hear from you! The PTFA are working with me on developing the area outside the Y2 classroom. They have been awarded a grant to fund this (thanks to their hard work) and we would like to create a sensory area for quiet times. This will be used by the children at break times and during the school day for reading, reflection, etc. We could just do with someone to have a look at the space with us and plan what we could do. If you think you can help then please let me know. Thank you.

### Easter Bingo - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March is our Easter Bingo evening. We will be having a non-uniform day on the day and we would love any donations of Easter Eggs and chocolate. Thank you for your support in this.

- Doors open at 6:00pm, with 'eyes down' at 6:30pm.
- Entry is £3, which includes a bingo book!
- There will be some alcoholic drinks available if you would like a little drink while you play.  
**Please don't bring your own, the charges will be very reasonable and as well as being an enjoyable event it is also a fundraiser for our children.**

Hope to see you there!

### Gemma Lees - Local Author

Gemma Lees is a local children's author who lives in Buckshaw Village. She will be visiting school on Monday to work with our three infant classes. The children will take part in a story telling session featuring her three books, 'Ethan Elephant & Leno Lion', 'Ethan Elephant & Betsy Bear' and 'Ethan Elephant & Hayden Hippo'.

### World Book Day

As you can see from the above, we are continuing to embrace opportunities to develop reading. As it is a short half-term, full of exciting events, we have decided not to officially mark World Book Day in school this year, hence the text before half-term about not needing a costume! Each class will celebrate books in some way next Thursday (World Book Day) and we are also having a book fair in school in April. Please continue to listen to your child read as often as you can, it really does make a difference.

### Musical Instruments

Please ensure that any instruments that are loaned from school and sent home are taken care of. If you do notice they are damaged or broken in any way we would appreciate it if you could let us know, as they are also used in group lessons.

### Cake Sale

Some of our Y5 children have organised a bake sale next **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, in aid of the MND (Motor Neurone Disease) Charity. If you would like your child to buy a cake they will be priced at 50p each. Thank you to Freya Melling, Kaelyn Hann, Georgia Cross and Megan Ainscough.

### And Finally....

Thank you to Daniel Turner from Year 1 for our joke this week:

**Q. What's green, sits in the corner and cries?**

**A. The Incredible Sulk!**

Thank you Daniel, a great joke! Remember to send your jokes in to me!

Take care,

Mr Nick Ward  
Headteacher

**In our Christian family, we all SHINE in the light of Jesus.**

Wisdom Compassion Humility Friendship Peace Trust Forgiveness Hope