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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents, <u>Euxton Superstars!</u> Congratulations to our first Euxton Superstars this school year: Reception: The Whole Class! Year 1: Isabelle Pickup Year 2: Anastasia Fox Year 3: Hugo Marwood Year 4: Leo Walker Year 5: Josephine McLaughlin Year 6: Benjamin Fooks

Well done everyone!

#### New Children

It was lovely to present our new children with their special pebble to place in our worship bowl this morning, to symbolise the start of their worship journey with us. All our Reception children, and new additions, have made an amazing start.

#### Curriculum Stickers

Please look out to see if your child comes home wearing a shiny 'well done' sticker. It was lovely to hear how children have been SHINING across the curriculum. Well done to all!

#### Musical Success

Congratulations to Charlotte (Y6) and Thomas (Y5) for receiving medals for passing guitar exams. Thank you to Mr Wadsworth our guitar teacher who comes into school and supports the children's achievements.

### 'Welcome to....'

It was lovely to welcome so many of you this week to meet the staff who will be working with your child this year, and see their rooms. The information shared has been emailed out to all parents in the class in case you who weren't able to come. Y1 Meet the Teacher session is next week in the classroom on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 9-9.20am**. Ms Lucas will be having a Reception Curriculum meeting in the classroom on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 6pm**.

### **Clubs and Activities**

Our extra-curricular clubs, provided by staff, all start next week. For running club, the children may bring some trainers into school for the day. For Football Club children can bring kit to change into,

football boots and shin pads. Thank you to all the staff for their time in running these extracurricular activities.

### PE and Earrings

Earrings need to be removed before a PE lesson. As a school we have a duty of care to ensure children are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. If they can't be taken out due to being pierced recently, the child will only take part in "safe" activities. This includes activities in their own space and where there is no risk of being hit by any equipment, such as warmups. No child will miss a PE lesson but they will be asked to participate by being involved in peer coaching and observation. Please either ask your child to remove them on the morning of your child's PE day. Earrings are **not** allowed to be worn at swimming lessons this is the policy of Tarleton Academy swimming pool. If you're child does wear earrings to school, these need to be small studs, again to keep children safe when active around school.

## <u>PE Days</u>

School PE day is Tuesday (apart from Y4 who go swimming on Mondays) and additional PE sessions are below:

- YR-Thursday
- Y1- Monday
- Y2- Wednesday
- Y3- Wednesday
- Y4- Friday
- Y5- Wednesday
- Y6- Friday

# <u>Harvest Worship</u>

Next week the children will be walking to church for a Harvest worship on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. Donations for the foodbank are welcome and the children will carry these across to church. Please only bring into school non-perishable items such as rice, pasta, tinned vegetables, baked beans, soups. Thank you for your support.

## **Reception Class Photo**

Reception will have their class photo taken on **Thursday 21st September** which will be printed in the Chorley Guardian later this term.

## School Library

Classes have started to visit our new school library and enjoyed this special reading time. Please return books to school every week so that they can be changed for a new one. Thank you to Mrs Obertelli and Mrs Dean for creating our new library during the summer holidays.

## **Bikes and Scooters**

Please can bikes and scooters be parked in the bike racks behind school. We are finding some are being left along the wall near the gate which is a potential trip hazard when children go out to the field for their daily run. If you could remind your child where to take their bike or scooter that would be a great help.

#### European Languages Week: Music and Memory



European Languages Day is on **Tuesday 26th September** but we are extending our celebrations across a whole week! This year our theme is music and memory. Across the school we will be learning a range of songs to introduce new languages to our children and help reinforce the French vocabulary they already know in KS2. Each class will share what they have learned in a special 'Songs of Praise' assembly on Thursday 28th

September. Throughout the week, croissants will be on sale during morning break for 25p. All proceeds will go towards purchasing new French books. Thank you Mrs King and Mrs Tattersall for organising this!

#### **School Policies**

Following the changes to our school rules and rewards, our Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policy has been revised and is now available to read on our school website: https://www.euxtonceprimary.co.uk/ The children are really enjoying our reward system and working brilliantly together as a team. We can't wait to have our team points display delivered to school!

#### Nut Allergies

We are a nut free school. We have a responsibility to keep all children and adults safe and do have children in school with nut allergies. Please do not bring into school any products for lunch or snacks that contain nuts e.g. Nutella, fruit/cereal bars that contains nuts, cakes made with nuts, sesame seed rolls. Please check packaging carefully and if you are ever unsure contact the school office. No items containing nuts are prepared in the school kitchen.

#### Safeguarding

<u>End of Day Arrangements</u>: Please return these to school as soon as you can (Reception have already completed this form). Please don't be offended if staff do not recognise the person picking up your child and ask for clarification. This is to further ensure our children are safe. Could we also ask if you have a query or question for the class teacher, that you please wait until every child is dismissed so that staff are not distracted from their 'end of day' duties making sure every child is handed over to their parent/carer. Thank you.

<u>Online safety</u>: Please read the attached online safety newsletter which contains lots of updates and parental guidance information. Please also visit our website for an updated online safety policy and agreements for staff and children on safe use of IT equipment.

#### A Message from our wonderful PTFA

We would love you ALL to join us on **3rd October at 6.30pm** in the staffroom for our first PTFA meeting of the year. It is always lovely to welcome new members to our already amazing team! Please don't worry that things will take up all your time - you can commit to as much or as little as you feel able to offer and don't have to attend every single meeting.

We will also be looking for a new chair of our wonderful PTFA. The chair leads meetings and steers the team towards its fundraising aims. Sitting in the driver's seat, you should be enthusiastic, full of bright ideas and be able to co-ordinate events in a friendly manner. The main chair's responsibilities are to:

- Facilitate meetings in a manner that encourages everyone to contribute.
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Set the date and agenda for meetings and keep the discussion on track.
- Liaise with the school about fundraising priorities.
- Welcome and motivate new volunteers.
- Is a designated signatory on the PTFA bank account.

• Ensure the PTFA is registered with regulatory bodies eg, the Charity Commission, and submit reports where necessary.

That might sound a bit formal, but the main thing to know is that we have a fab team, everyone contributes what they can, our events are fun and always planned with excellent school and staff support. Work is always shared around the busiest events. The whole team is currently taking responsibility for coordinating all the events and will continue to support the chair. Nobody will be dropped in at the deep end. If anyone wants to chat or know more about the role please let the school office know  $\bigcirc$  Thank you! Your PTFA

### Admissions - Primary and Secondary Places

You can now apply via <u>www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools</u> for school places for next September. Supplementary Faith forms are available in the school office for our school. If you are applying to any faith school a separate form should be provided by them and completed. The closing dates are as follows:

### Secondary (Y7 in Sept 2024) – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

## Primary (Reception in Sept 2024) – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Please do not hesitate to have a chat with me if you would like any additional information. If you know anyone who is interested in their child coming to our lovely school then please encourage them to come along to our Open Day, which will be on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. There will be two opportunities on the day; from **9:30-10:30am** and from **1:30-2:30pm**. It would be great to have a rough idea of numbers so we encourage prospective parents to contact the school office and let us know if they would like to attend. Although this is an Open Day, it is so important to us that it reflects normal, everyday school life, which it will. Our Year 6 children are already excited about showing people around and I know they will do us proud!

## High School Open Evenings

Please see below many of the local secondary schools Open Evenings information: Wellfield Academy - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 4.30-7pm Parklands High School - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 5.15-8pm Bishop Rawstorne Academy - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 4:30-6pm or 6.30-8.30pm Albany Academy - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September (Y6 only) Balshaw's High School - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 6-9pm Southlands - Thursday 5th October 4.30-7pm Holy Cross - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 6-8.30pm Please check the school website before a visit as some have booking systems on there. Should any parents wish to take their child round schools during the school day then please just let us know. We fully appreciate it's a big decision and we are happy to help in any way we can.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you have any queries. We will always do our best to help.

Take care and have a lovely weekend, Mrs Ash Headteacher

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

Wisdom Compassion Humility Friendship Peace Trust Forgiveness Hope