



Euxton Church of England Primary School



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

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Wilbur

Year 1: Taliah

Year 2: Benjamin

Year 3: Oliver

Year 4: Florence

Year 5: Hannah

Year 6: Eva

Well done to you all and I know you will continue to SHINE!



Christmas Fair

Thank you so much for all your support with our Christmas Fair. So many of you helped with this, whether it was with your kind donations and/or being there on the day. It was lovely to welcome everyone into school - it certainly was packed! As well as being a fantastic social event for our school family we raised

a phenomenal **£1903** for school. Wow! Thank you to our PTFA for their incredible work and a special thank you to Helena, our Chair, for all the hours of dedication she put in. Thank you!

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

We have two prizes in the office with Chris Doyle on the stubs - please call into the office as soon as possible to collect your prizes. Thank you.



Year 5 Visit to Euxton Library

On Wednesday afternoon, children from year 5 performed a Christmas carol concert in Euxton Library for the local community. A huge thank you to all who went along to support them. The children sang beautifully and enjoyed some juice and biscuits afterwards.

'A King Is Born' presented by the Infants!



Amazing! What an absolute treat we all had this week. Thank you so much to everyone involved in the wonderful production of 'A King is Born'. The children were all brilliant, with fantastic singing, dancing and acting. They clearly enjoyed every minute, as did the audiences too. Thank you for your lovely feedback too, which is very much appreciated. Well done to all the raffle winners - big thanks to Mrs Hodges for all her hard work in organising this. This year, all proceeds of the raffles will cover the costs of props and costumes.



Christingle

This special service will take place on **Monday, 18th December**, at 6pm in church and will include readings and carols. We would like the children to arrive at approximately 5:45pm in school uniform. Two adults per Y5/Y6 child are welcome to join us. The service will last approximately 45 minutes. **Please do not park at Papa Luigi's. It is one of their busiest weeks of the year. This is so important as it maintains the excellent relationship we have with them.** Thank you.

Grandparents Coffee Morning

This incredibly popular annual event returns Thursday 21st December from 9.30-10.30. Thank you to all who have booked a place - we are now full to bursting! Tea, coffee, mince pies, biscuits and of course a raffle will be enjoyed. There will also be singing from all our children. Our Grandparents are such an important part of our school family so it is a privilege to be able to welcome them into school for a special treat.

Last Day of Term - Friendship Day

Children are able to bring in a toy/game to play and share with their friends, if they wish on Friday 22nd December. Please note, this shouldn't be of value and the children need to take responsibility for it themselves. **No electronic toys/games please.** There will be no celebration worship on this day. Last celebration assembly of the year will be on Friday 15th December.

School Library Books

These will be collected in next week and the library will re-open in the new year. Please send any school library books into school with your child next week. Thank you.

Homework Club

Next week will be the last homework club of the term and will be on **Thursday 14th December** lunchtime instead of Friday. This club will continue on Friday lunchtime in the Spring Term.



Barnardo's Appeal

This year school council would like to support the Barnardo's Christmas Gift Appeal. The aim of this appeal is to make sure every child and young person in Lancashire has a gift to open on Christmas morning. To get involved, you can either bring an unwrapped gift into school on **Wednesday 20th December** or order a gift or gift card online to be delivered to Barnardo's Gift Appeal, Cotton Court, Church Street, Preston, PR1 3BY. These gifts can be suitable for children, teenagers or young adults. As always, thank you for your generosity.



Euxton Parish Church - Follow the Star Advent Trail

From 1st-17th December there will be 25 stars around Euxton. Your challenge is to go around the village and find them all. Each star is in the front window of a house and has a letter and a number on it. When put in the correct order, it will give you an answer. Bring your answer to Euxton Parish Church for the All Age Carol Service on Sunday 17th December at 5pm and you'll receive a prize. All the info you need is on the Euxton Parish Church website. : https://www.euxtonparishchurch.org/Groups/411211/Advent_trail.aspx

Christmas Cards

The Christmas Post Box is in our Reception area. As mentioned in previous newsletters, our Ethos Group are encouraging donations to Mikoroshoni, our sponsor school in Kenya, instead of sending lots of Christmas cards, reducing waste too! **A suggested donation is £1 or £2 and the children could write a card to the whole class/school, enclose the donation, and post it in the box.** This is totally voluntary. Cards can still be sent as normal this year if that is something you choose to do. Thank you.

Chorley Winter Sports Camp

Quality Sport holiday clubs are holding this club in the holidays - 2nd to 5th January at St George's Primary School, PR7 3JU. To book or for more details please visit www.qualitysport.co.uk or email info@qualitysport.co.uk. HAF funded places are available for families in receipt of FSM.

First Kick Holiday Club

This club takes place at Southlands High School PR7 2NJ from 2nd - 5th January and costs £60 for the 4 days or £17 per day. To book and for more info please contact 01772 428086 or 07514 316534.

Jam Coding Holiday Club

This Christmas club takes place at our school from 2nd-5th January - flyers have been emailed home and paper copies put in book bags this week.

Admissions - Primary Places

Applications are via www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools 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 date is as follows:

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If you are interested in sending your child to our school to start in **September 2025**, please see the school website for our proposed admissions arrangements for 2025/26. Our proposed policy is in a period of public consultation due to some amendments to our admissions criteria. Please do not hesitate to have a chat with me if you would like any additional information.

Online Safety

Please find attached the December online safety newsletter for primary schools.

Euxton Parish Church Christmas Services 2023

Please see the dates on the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Thank you.

Blue/Grey Adidas Glasses

These were on the school drive last night - please call into the office if they are yours. Thank you.

School Attendance

As a school, we regularly monitor pupil attendance and we have recently been visited by an attendance officer from the local authority. We understand that some absences are unavoidable e.g. an illness. Our current average school attendance is 96.3%. For every 5% of absence at this stage in the year, it equates to approximately 3 missed days of school or around 15 hours of learning. Pupils whose attendance falls below 90% are in danger of significantly underachieving and classed as being persistently absent. From next term, we are going to start communicating with parents via letter if your child's attendance falls below recommended guidelines. We may also ask parents for a meeting to discuss how to improve your child's attendance and find ways to further support families. Addressing attendance is a nationwide priority for schools and we thank you for your support with this.

School Clubs in the Spring Term

Here is the list of clubs for after Christmas. Please either email Mrs Hodges bursar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk or follow the link that has been sent home (Little Learners and Players Drama Group). **Any donations of chess and draughts sets would be gratefully received - please hand into the school office. Thank you!**

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		<u>Team Games KS2</u> eg benchball, dodgeball with Mr Westwell (email Mrs Hodges). <u>Little Learners Y1 & Y2</u> with Mrs Delves (link sent out to parents) 3.30pm-4.30pm (starts 15th January for 5 weeks).
Tuesday	<u>Ethos (Worship) Group</u> at 12.30-1pm with Ms Lucas <u>KS1 Lego Club</u> with Mrs Cheetham From 12.30 in Y1 classroom	<u>TeamTheme_Multiskills with Brian Hall KS2</u> (email Mrs Hodges - limited numbers) 5 weeks.
Wednesday		
Thursday	<u>Infants Mindfulness Club</u> with Mrs Smith in Y3 classroom 12.30-1pm (email Mrs Hodges). <u>Tennis with Mr Chatterley at St Mary's</u> 8.45am or 4.30pm (letter sent out to parents).	<u>Infant Art Club</u> with Ms Lucas until 4.30pm (max 10 children - email Mrs Hodges). <u>Players Drama School YR-Y6</u> (link and leaflet sent out to parents) Starts 11 th January 3.30pm-4.30pm for 5 weeks.
Friday	<u>KS2 Homework Club</u> - with Mrs Rowan in Y5 classroom. Drop in between 12.30 -1.30pm (Starts 12 th January). <u>Draughts and Chess Club KS2</u> with Mrs Ash and Mrs MacDonald lunchtime.	

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Other festive dates ahead...

Monday 11th December - Rocksteady performance 9.15am in the hall - parents of the band welcome. Children can wear a festive, jolly jumper and sunglasses!

Wednesday 13th December - Whole school trip to Wizard of Oz at Blackburn Ice Arena. We are watching the afternoon performance and hope to be back to school usual time. A text message will be sent out if any delays.

Thursday 14th December - Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day (swap your school jumper for a festive jumper for the day or be creative and decorate your school jumper. Please don't feel you have to buy something new).

Thursday 14th December - Players Drama Club performance after school - parents welcome.

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th December - Y3 & Y4 singing carols and Christmas songs on the playground from 3.20pm

Wednesday 20th December - Infant & Junior party day - children can come into school wearing their party clothes. (Please still wear layers for the colder weather, sensible footwear and a coat).

Thursday 21st December - Grandparents' Coffee Morning 9.30-10.30am

Thursday 21st December - Carols in the hall from 2.45pm - everyone welcome.

Friday 22nd December - End of term. Please note there is no after school club on this day. School finishes at 1.30pm.

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



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CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

MAKE A YOUNG PERSON SMILE THIS CHRISTMAS

Believe in
children
 Barnardo's



DONATE IN PERSON OR SEND US A GIFT
COTTON COURT, CHURCH STREET, PRESTON, PR1 3BY

Christmas Services 2023

Sunday 17th December

5pm All Age Carol Service

7pm Traditional Carol Service

Wednesday 20th December

11am Traditional Carol Service

Sunday 24th December

10am Nativity Service - come dressed as a nativity character!

4pm Crib Service

11.15pm Midnight Christmas Communion Service

Monday 25th December

10am Family Christmas Communion Service

