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Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Spencer

Year 1: Oliver

Year 2: Lily

Year 3: Lois

Year 4: Isabelle

Year 5: Faith

Year 6: Olivia

Well done to you all!

School Council 2023-2024

Thank you so much to all the children who put themselves forward to be on our school council this year. They all did brilliantly and it is a shame that everyone can't be elected. I know that those who weren't successful will continue being wonderful ambassadors of our school. Thank you once again to last year's school councillors, who were simply amazing! Congratulations to our new school councillors who were presented with their badges in today's celebration worship. Our school council class representatives are Isabella & Brontë in Y1, Molly & Harrison in Y2, Hugo & Lucy in Y3, Noah & Florence in Y4, Oliver & Jessica in Y5 and Eva, Declan, Isla & Jacob in Y6. I know you will all do a fabulous job at supporting our school family.



Anti-bullying Week

Thank you for all the generous donations to support Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week. A fantastic **£110** was sent to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to support the vital work this charity does. We've had lots of discussion this term about understanding what bullying is and knowing our antibullying code:

When is it bullying?

Several
Times
On
Purpose



MOST IMPORTANTLY

If you feel you are being bullied :

Start
Telling
Other
People

Children in Need



The children have been busy taking part in the 'Pudsey Bearpees Challenge' and each class has completed an amazing 1,000 burpees! We have super fit children at our school. Thank you so much for all the sponsorship money which we will send to Children in Need. An incredible total of **£2,228.85** has been raised! This is a record amount raised as a school and know it will make such a difference to other children. We will send the total to Children In Need on Tuesday if anyone has any money still to collect - please just hand into the office on Monday. Thank you all so much for being a generous school family!

Diocese Visit

Today we welcomed to school Iain Parks, Director of Education for Blackburn Diocese. He had a walk round the classes and met with children and staff. Attached to today's newsletter is a lovely congratulations letter that I would like to share with you from Iain, following our outstanding Ofsted inspection. We are very proud to be recognised by the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education.



Diwali Day

On **Monday 20th November** we will welcome Prags Birk from Cultural Educ-Asian into school to support our understanding of Diwali celebrations. She will lead a workshop with each class throughout the day which will include a henna design being piped on to children's hands. Please return the permission letter, if not already, so that your child can take part in the henna activity.

Athletics Competition

Good luck to the Y5 and Y6 children who are representing school in the heats for the Chorley athletics competition after school on Monday. I know you will all SHINE and most of all enjoy it 😊.



Y2 Author visit

Next Tuesday 21st November afternoon, Year 2 will be going to St. George's CE Primary School to hear Rachel Morrisroe, who is a picture book author, speak about her work. Thank you to Tyrer's Coaches for providing transport for this trip.

Online Safety

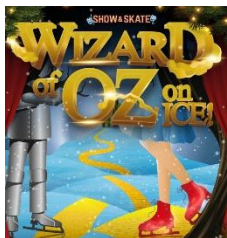
Attached below is this week's information about online safety when considering the use of SMART TVs.

PTFA Christmas Raffle

The PTFA has received lots of exciting raffle prizes that have been kindly donated by parents and local businesses. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets before the fair, then the PTFA will have a table on Wednesdays and Fridays after school near the school gates. It will be £1 a strip. Payment can be made either with cash or via QR code.

Christmas Fair Non-Uniform Day

We are having a non-uniform day on **Friday 1st December** for any donations for our Christmas Fair on **Saturday 2nd December**, which is the day after. If you feel able to send in any bottles (shampoo, sauce, alcohol, etc.) and chocolate these would be very much appreciated. Thank you.



Whole School Trip

It's not long now until we are all off to Blackburn Ice Arena to watch The Wizard of Oz on **Wednesday 13th December** - if you are still to pay for this whole school trip, please do so via ParentPay asap. Thank you.

School Christmas Lunch - Thursday 14th December

The menu has been emailed out today to parents. If your child doesn't normally have a school lunch on a Thursday and would like to join in with the Christmas festivities, please email Mrs Ormes at a.ormes@euxton.lancs.sch.uk by **30th November**. The Christmas lunch costs £2.50 (only junior children pay) and payment is made via ParentPay. If your child normally has a school meal on a Thursday there is no need to let Mrs Ormes know as a Christmas lunch will automatically be ordered. Thank you.

Grandparents Coffee Morning

We are holding our annual coffee morning for our much-loved grandparents. If your child's grandparent would like to come along on **Thursday 21st December from 9.30-10.30** to enjoy a hot drink, refreshments and entertainment by the children, please email Mrs Hodges bursar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk or speak to her in the office as the list is now officially open. This is always such a popular event but we do have to limit guests to 80 so please act fast to avoid disappointment. Thank you.

Admissions - Primary Places

You can now apply 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:

Primary (Reception in Sept 2024) - 15th January 2024

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.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Mairi Ash
Headteacher

In our Christian family, we all SHINE in the light of Jesus.
Wisdom Compassion Humility Friendship Peace Trust Forgiveness Hope

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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CHRISTMAS FAIR & RAFFLE

**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
11AM - 1PM**

Join us for some festive fun!

GAMES

**SNOWBALL CHALLENGE/CHOCOCARDS
ROLL A POUND/RUDOLPH RANGE AND MORE!**

SANTA'S GROTTTO

LUCKY DIP

FACE PAINT & TATTOOS

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