



Euxton Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Harry B

Year 1: Brontë

Year 2: Jada

Year 3: Austin

Year 4: Iris

Year 5: Thomas

Year 6: Ethan

Well done to you all!



Ofsted report

We are pleased to finally announce that the final inspection report has arrived today and will be sent out to share with our school family via a separate email. We are thrilled with the **OUTSTANDING** outcome, very proud of this achievement and of everyone's support and involvement in the process. We definitely did SHINE!

Congratulations Mrs Goodwin!



Congratulations to Mrs Goodwin, who this week, was presented with a special recognition award for her many years as a member of our governing body. Thank you so much for all your support to our school! 😊



Remembrance Day

Our whole school beautifully observed the two-minute silence today, in remembrance of all those who fought so bravely for us all. We once again held this in the hall, which always creates a wonderful atmosphere. Maya from Y6 played 'The Last Post' perfectly, it was unique and very special to have this played by a pupil. We remembered those who gave their lives for us and also thought about the lovely things we are able to do with our family and friends as we have our freedom.



School Council Elections in Parliament Week

Message from Mr Westwell about School Council Elections: *Thank you to everyone who gave a school council speech this week. You all showed great confidence to speak in front of your class. Results will be shared with each class next week and our new school councillors will be presented with their badges.*

Yoga with Yogi

Message from Mrs Obertelli about this week's Yoga sessions: *It was lovely to welcome Amy from the Yogi group into school on Tuesday. Each class took part in a yoga session that helped to calm and focus the mind. The children enjoyed learning different yoga poses, breathing techniques and the power of meditation. We are looking forward to incorporating these techniques in our classrooms.*



Anti-bullying Week

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school next week on **Monday 13th November**. All we ask is for a small donation on the day if possible, to help the charity Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on their important work.



Children in Need

For Children in Need this year, our school will be taking part in the 'Pudsey Bearpees Challenge'. Next week each class will aim to complete 1,000 burpees. If you would like to support your child, a sponsorship form has been sent home. All donations will be sent to Children in Need. Please return completed forms and donations collected to school on **Friday 17th November** which is Children in Need Day.

Nasal Flu Sprays

The school health team are back in school administering the flu nasal spray on **Tuesday 28th November**. The e-link has been sent home to parents so that you can give permission (or not) for this to be administered in school. Please respond to this as soon as you possibly can and by **Thursday 16th November** as the link closes on this day. Thank you.

Online Safety

Please see the online safety poster below about X , formerly Twitter, the changes that are now in place and it's age guidance of 13+ . Please could we advise parents that if you are allowing your child to access apps which an older age range guidance (e.g. WhatsApp is rated 16+) that you carefully monitor appropriate use and communications with other users.

PTFA

We had a great meeting on Monday evening. We really do have a fantastic team and anyone is welcome to join in or help at any time. It really is not a case of committing to every meeting or every event - just come when and if you can. At the AGM, the following positions were filled:

Chair: Helena Royston

Treasurer: Helen Shaw

Secretary: Emma Garbutt

We are still looking for a volunteer for the position of Vice Chair. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the PTFA on euxtonptfa@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December from 11am-1pm. We hope to see you there!

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 - Friday 1st December

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 1st December for any donations for our Christmas Fair, 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.

PTFA Christmas Card Designs

Look out for some of the children's card designs which will soon be part of a Christmas display in Tesco Chorley! Tesco have kindly donated some chocolate prizes for our forthcoming Christmas fair.

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

X

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote denial and hatred.

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification, certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

BLUE TICK SALE

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow; this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and experts site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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