



Euxton Church of England Primary School



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

Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Lottie

Year 1: Sophia

Year 2: Seb

Year 3: Rory

Year 4: James

Year 5: Elizabeth

Year 6: Oscar

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

Wonderdome

Year 2 and Year 5 had a great day exploring space this week during their sessions in the Wonderdome. Thank you to Annette for a brilliant visit to enhance the children's learning.



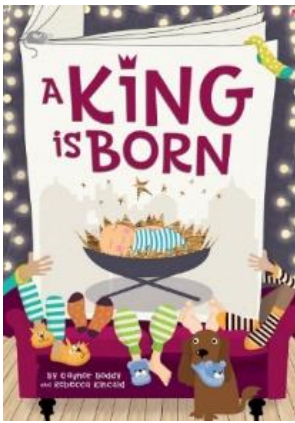
Christmas Fair TOMORROW - Saturday 2nd December from 11am-1pm

The Christmas tree is up and ready for tomorrow. We hope you can join us for our Christmas Fair! Thank you so much for all your generous donations today, they really are very much appreciated. There are lots of exciting stalls tomorrow and the prizes look amazing. You can still drop off any cakes, bakes, Christmas books to school tomorrow morning for the stalls. **Thank you so much to our wonderful PTFA for all they do!**



Thank You Rowland Homes

Thank you to Rowland Homes for spreading some Christmas cheer and donating selection boxes and raffle prizes.



'A King Is Born' presented by the Infants!

The infants have been working hard on their production and are looking forward to you coming along to the two performances this week:

Thursday 7th December at 2pm

Thursday 7th December at 6pm

For the evening performance, please ensure that the children are brought back to school no sooner than **5:40pm** (the front door will be locked) and it would be helpful if they were still in their school uniforms. There will be a raffle at each performance to help to pay for the costumes and props. Please let grandparents know about this. **Please do not use Papa Luigi's car park for the evening performance**, church car parks are available. Thank you.



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.



Christmas Cards

Message from Ethos group:

Last year we raised nearly £100 from donations instead of Christmas cards. If as many children as possible take part, we could raise even more. We suggest that children could either make or send one card for the whole class and donate the rest of the money you would have spent to Mikoroshoni. There will be a pot at the front entrance from Friday 1st December. Please don't worry if you do already have your cards - you can still bring them in and donate if you wish. Anu cards that are put in the postbox need full names and classes on them. Thank you.

Barnados Appeal

Message from School Council:

*Carson in Y3 met with school council this week to raise awareness of a special appeal. We have decided that this year, we 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. (Information poster attached with QR code at the end of the newsletter) As always, thank you.*



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, including a list of streets

to check: https://www.euxtonparishchurch.org/Groups/411211/Advent_trail.aspx

Children's Christmas Cards on display in Buckshaw Tesco



How lovely do these look? Tesco Buckshaw kindly donated prizes for our Christmas Fair and also asked for samples of our children's work for a display. We sent them a selection of the children's designs that they made for their Christmas cards. Thank you Tesco Buckshaw!

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.

Online Safety

Please find attached an information poster about the use of What'sApp and how to keep safe.

Admissions - Primary Places

You can 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.

Other festive dates ahead...

Wednesday 6th December - Y5 will be singing at Euxton Library at 2pm. Parents welcome to attend.

Monday 11th December - Rocksteady performance 9.15am in the hall - parents welcome.

Wednesday 13th December - Whole school trip to Wizard of Oz at Blackburn Ice Arena.

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

**LIMITED
TICKETS FOR
SANTA'S GROTTO**
Get them early
on arrival!

ELFRIDGES



Euxton Church of England Primary PTFA

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 GROTTO

LUCKY DIP

FACE PAINT & TATTOOS

ELFRIDGES

FOOD & BAKERY

TOMBOLA & RAFFLE

FAMILY FUN & MORE!

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Bringing together home & school



Euxton Church of England Primary PTFA

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES

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| 1. AJ Tiling Labour | 10. KT Boutique | 21. Baylis And Harding Gift Set |
| 2. £20 voucher for Tiny Rockers (towards food) | Gold Bag | 22. That's Mine Christmas Teddy |
| 3. Rhythmicality Term of free classes | 11. Buckshaw Sound Bath | 23. Duncan Hair Design Hair Blow Dry and Product |
| 4. Calmly Creative Pottery Voucher | 12. First Kick Hamper Wine | 24. Infusionist Gin |
| 5. Conexus Creatives 3 Week Voucher | 13. Family Swim Session at The Hub | 25. Tropics Gift Set |
| 6. Papas £20 Voucher | 14. Tray of Brownies from Little Livs Bakery | 26. Carol May Dance Academy Voucher |
| 7. Tickets for 'It's Mental' event, Bolton | 15. The Grey Door | 27. Emma Rae Beauty Voucher |
| 8. Kat's Cleaning Voucher 2 Hour Clean | 16. Beauty Salon | 28. Mini Brands Gift Set |
| 9. Mirage Voucher & wax melts | 17. Galaxy Cheerleading x2 Free Sessions | 29. Eco Gift Wrap Set from Happy Packing |
| | 18. Musical Mischief | |
| | 19. Mini Brand Set | |
| | 20. Berry £20 | |

PLUS A SELECTION OF BOOZY PRIZES AND MORE!



GET YOUR TICKETS!

Look out for Sarah and Becky

They will have the raffle book by the School gate on Wednesdays and Fridays!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTIONS
16+
in UK and Europe, rest of the world 18+

...MSG ME...



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any app points and applications that can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill gives powers to end such encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a favourite landing ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudulent imposter is verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to reveal the code link to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly - whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing content' - but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chat' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking about their child's safety on the way home, for example. However, any time in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location - potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for content to then be shared much wider (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Buchanan is a credible safety, e-safety, education and research professional with over 20 years' experience in leading and delivering online safety advice for schools. She has written various national reports and delivered training to over 100 government departments, including the Home Office and setting the national curriculum for the UK, USA and Australia.



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**COTTON
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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