



Euxton Church of England Primary School



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

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Zia

Year 1: Alice

Year 2: Molly

Year 3: Florence

Year 4: Charlie

Year 5: Jessica

Year 6: Charlotte

Well done to you all!

Children in Need



We would like to say a HUGE thank you for the amazing generosity shown by our school family. Collectively we have raised a staggering **£2750.05** for Children in Need!

Well done to all the classes, for working together as a team, to reach their total of over 1000 Pudsey Bearpees. We are so proud of everyone 😊

Diwali Day

We had a great day celebrating Diwali with Prags Birk from Cultural Educ-Asian. The children enjoyed learning about the story of Sita and Rama as well as having a henna design piped on to their hands.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thanks to all your donations and purchases, we have sent **£160.97** to The Royal British Legion. Thank you!

Sporting Success

A message from Mrs MacDonald about this week's sports hall athletics competition and football tournament:

We took a huge squad to **Sports Hall Athletics** this year, including some new faces. The children achieved a high-number of podium places on the track as well as field events. They worked hard and represented us well in both behaviour and sportsmanship. The team came first in their heat and we look forward to hearing if they have achieved a place in the final which is in February.

Girls & Mixed Football Tournament: We are very proud to have fielded another girls' football team this year; it was the turn of our new players from Year 6 this time and they played with huge smiles on their faces. The mixed teams put on a similarly enthusiastic display. Please enjoy Charlotte H's football report based on the mixed team of which she was a part:

In the afternoon, the mixed team played extremely well and did some great tackles. We were victorious in the second game, against Highfield, beating them 2-1. We netted a further two draws, suffering only one loss against Whittle-le-Woods. I am really proud of everyone and so are the coaches.

Excellent sportsmanship shown by all! Thank you to Mrs Obertelli, Mrs MacDonald and Mr Westwell for accompanying the teams.

Y3 Art Session

Y3 welcomed children from Balderstone St. Leonard's CE Primary School to lead an art session in Y3 on Tuesday. They made some beautiful calendars using water colours.

Online Safety

Attached below is this week's information which includes top tips for safer online shopping in regards to Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Nasal Flu Sprays

The school health team are in school on Tuesday morning to administer this to the children for whom we have received permission for via the NHS link sent to all parents.

Derian House Elf Army



Look what has arrived in school! We have these lovely key rings in the main entrance with all proceeds going to Derian House. Each key ring costs £3.00. Once they are gone, they are gone!



Christmas Cards

The Christmas Postbox is now in our Reception area. 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 school or class, 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.

PTFA Messages

Christmas Raffle

The PTFA has received lots of exciting raffle prizes that have been kindly donated by parents and local businesses. Please see the list attached to this newsletter. Thank you to anyone who has donated a prize, it really is very much appreciated. 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. Tickets will also be available on the day of the Christmas Fair when the draw will take place. Tickets are £1 a strip and payment can be made either with cash or via QR code.

Cake Stall

Calling all keen bakers! We will be having a homemade cake bake stall this year at the Christmas fair. Home baked donations from families would be greatly received. Please drop off any bakes to school on Friday 1st if it does not require refrigeration or drop off at the start of the fair. Please clearly label any donations with allergen information e.g. nuts, soy.

Christmas Books

Any donations of pre-loved children's Christmas books would be greatly received for the Christmas Fair stall. Please send these be into school with your child or drop off in the school office. Thank you.

PTFA Lucky Numbers Winner

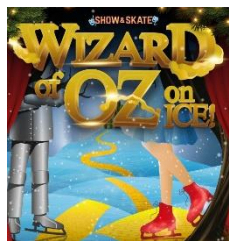
Congratulations to Ethan Hill's mum in Y6 who has won this months £20 lucky numbers cheque!

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.

Infant Nativity Tickets

The allocation of tickets for each family have been sent home in book bags this week for the two performances of A King is Born on **Thursday 7th December**. The office does have a couple of spare tickets if any family needs one. Please speak to the ladies in the office.



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.

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.



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

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.

Other festive dates ahead...

Wednesday 6th December - Y5 will be singing at Euxton Library at 2pm.

Thursday 7th December - Infant Nativity. Performances will be at 2pm and 6pm in the school hall.

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.

Monday 18th December - No Y4 swimming. KS2 Christingle by Y5 & Y6 at 6pm in church (letter attached to newsletter regarding Christmas performances).

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 and sensible footwear).

Thursday 21st December - Grandparents' Coffee Morning

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 and we will finish the school day at 1.30pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Mairi Ash
Headteacher

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

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Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

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 GROTTO

LUCKY DIP

FACE PAINT & TATTOOS

ELFRIDGES

FOOD & BAKERY

TOMBOLA & RAFFLE

FAMILY FUN & MORE!

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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!

