



Euxton Church of England Primary School



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

Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Aubrey

Year 1: Siena

Year 2: Harrison

Year 3: Archie

Year 4: Daniel

Year 5: Oliver

Year 6: Maya

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

Wizard of Oz

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the show on ice. Great music and ice skating to keep us entertained.

Christmas Lunch

Thank you so much to Elaine, our cook, and the team in the kitchen for another delicious Christmas Lunch!

Walking dogs up the school drive

Just to inform you that Euxton St. Mary's Primary School are now asking their parents to not bring dogs beyond the rainbow as they have received some complaints about dogs leaving a mess on their school grounds and some children being afraid of dogs. I am not going to request that we do the same as our routine is that parents keep dogs on a lead and do not go on to the playground. Please walk dogs up to school using the pavement and be mindful that there's lots of children around from both schools and some who may not like our furry friends. Please pick up any dog litter, including if they use the grass area by the gate. Thank you for your understanding and support for our neighbours.

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.

Christingle in Church



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. As in previous years, there will be a collection at the back of church for The Children's Society. 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.**

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! Please don't encourage any grandparents to turn up unless they are on the list. Apologies to those who are on the reserve list, hopefully they will be able to come along next year. 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.



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.

Online Safety

Please find attached the December online safety newsletter for primary schools

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:

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.

Euxton Parish Church Christmas Services 2023

Please see the dates on the flyer at the end of this newsletter. 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 96.2%. 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.

Year 1 Hearing Tests

The school health team are back in school on Wednesday 7th February to screen the children's hearing. Consent forms have gone home in book bags this week - please could parents return the completed consent form before we break up for Christmas next Friday if possible. Thank you.

Recycling your real Christmas Trees

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter with more information on it. Thank you.

Toast in the Spring Term

The payment item has been added to everyone's ParentPay account. We are starting to charge for the whole term for toast making only 3 payments due in the school year rather than half-termly and 6 payments. If your child would like toast from 8th January please pay the required amount before we return to school on that Monday. If your child doesn't want toast please ignore the payment item and it will be removed after a couple of weeks. Thank you.

Out of School Club

For parents, whose children attend our out of school club, please find attached an end of term update and newsletter from Mrs Crosby and the team.

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!** Please remember to walk up the school drive when collecting children from any after school activities. The drive is only to be used from **4.45pm**.

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



Singing at The Monastery with G4

On Wednesday night, Grace, Niamh, Florence and Poppy travelled to Manchester to perform with the PQA alongside G4. They sang a variety of Christmas songs, including Jingle Bell Rock and Walking in the Air. They were delighted to have their picture taken with G4 at the end of the show. Well done girls!



Derian House Festive Friends

We just have a few of these lovely keyrings left in the entrance area - just Father Christmas and Elves left. They are £3 each with all proceeds going to Derian House. Thank you to everyone who has supported this amazing charity by buying these festive friends over the past few weeks.

Next week in school - a summary! (week beginning 18th December)

Monday 18th December: Junior Christingle in church at 6pm - practice 9.05am in church and a 2pm dress rehearsal for the other classes to walk across and watch.

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 **sensible** party clothes. (Please still wear layers for the colder weather, sensible footwear and remember to bring a coat for outdoor playtimes).

Thursday 21st December - Grandparents' Coffee Morning. Carols in the hall from 2.45pm - everyone welcome for a sing-a-long!

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



Merry Christmas!

As this will be the last newsletter this year, on behalf of everyone here I would like to wish you all a very happy, peaceful Christmas and new year, spending special time with your families and loved ones. We've had an eventful Autumn term! Thank you, as always, for your incredible support for our school, it really is appreciated so very much. Hopefully you've also managed to read our newspaper article in the Lancashire Post. If not here's the link below ☺

<https://www.lep.co.uk/news/people/euxton-ce-primary-school-receives-new-ofsted-rating-4441310>

I look forward to seeing you all safe and sound when school reopens on **Monday 8th January 2024**.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Ash

Headteacher

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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





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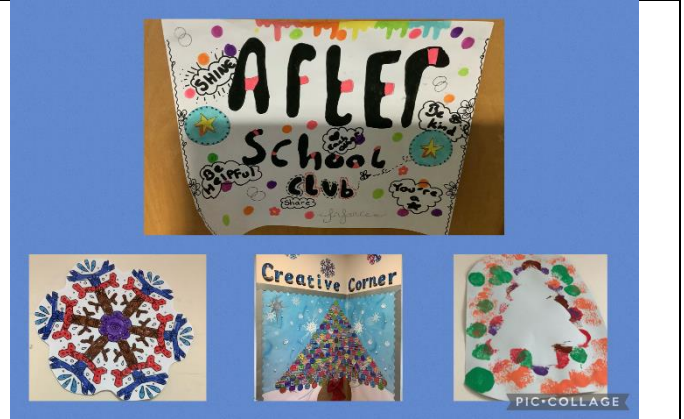
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Out of School Club Newsletter Autumn '23

We have completed our first term at school already!

Everyone has settled in extremely well with their new routine at Breakfast and After School Club.

We are so proud of everyone for 'SHINING' at Out of School Club.



We just want to let you know about some of the things that we have been getting up to in Out of School Club.

During the mornings, now they are darker and cooler, the key stage 2 children (Years 3-6) have been in the hall playing with their new board games that have been kindly donated. The children are all really enjoying playing with them, thank you so much for your donations.

The key stage 1 children (Reception-Year 2) have the space in our extension area for games and toys to enjoy playing with their classmates and friends.

After school in key stage 2, when the weather has been kind, the children have been able to get outside and play on the playground. Some of the children have been excited to use the hall laptop to play music and 'Just Dance' for everyone to join in with.

Key stage 1 have been making lots of Christmas crafts which have either been put on display in the extension room or have been taken home.

Just a couple of reminders. There is no use of the school driveway in the morning and we stop serving breakfast at 8.30am as this gives us time to clear and put away ready for the school day.

In the evening, the school driveway can be used from 4.45pm until we close at 5.30pm.

For parents collecting children from the key stage 1 area, the gate will be left open for you to come and knock on the door to let staff know you are here. We will keep the gate open until February half term, as it will be getting lighter by then and the children will be back outside using the outdoor area.

If there are any changes to the person collecting your child, please can you inform me as soon as possible by email: c.crosby@euxton.lancs.sch.uk. We also have our Out of School Club number which is a text receiving/calling number only: 07730 777136.

A final polite reminder: if your child requires any medicine that needs to be administered in school, please complete a medical form when handing over to a member of staff in the morning at Breakfast Club or at the front desk.

Thank you for your continued support. From all of the Out of School Club team.

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RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Rainbow Hub will collect & recycle your real Christmas tree to save you time & hassle
Collecting Saturday 13th January 2024

To book your tree collection, fill out the online form at rainbowhub.org before 10th January 2024

We will be collecting trees in these postcode areas:

PR5, PR6, PR7, PR25, PR26, WN6, WN8, L39, L40, BL6, Tarleton & Hesketh Bank



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