



Euxton Church of England Primary School



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Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: **Miller**

Year 1: **Hugh**

Year 2: **Taliah**

Year 3: **Aliyah**

Year 4: **Harriet**

Year 5: **Esmé**

Year 6: **Madison**

Well done to you all!

Musical Success

Congratulations to **William Delves** who was presented with his Copper Music Medal for the guitar in Celebration Worship this morning.

Christmas Singing!





Well done to all our festive singers this week. Our new school choir visited Euxton library to spread the festive cheer with a performance of Christmas carols. Y3 and Y4 also gave two wonderful performances on the playground this week at home time for parents and grandparents to enjoy.

Thank you for supporting the PTFA cake sales which took place during the playground performances. We raised a brilliant £153.20! Thank you to all the helpers on the stalls and a special shout out to Sarah Squires and Charlotte Banks who baked the delicious cakes and delights that were on sale. Thank you to our PTFA for all the recent fundraising. This has funded a new sound system in the hall which will serve us well for many years to come (our old system was very crackly and unpredictable!).

Extracurricular Clubs

Please note that the following clubs have now finished for the term: Little Learners, PE, Music, tennis, choir and Spanish.

Players Drama Group will finish next Thursday after school with their Christmas show.

The club list for Spring term will be shared on our return to school in the new year.

Online Safety

Please see attached the online guidance regarding safety over the festive season.



Barnardo's Appeal

Thank you for all the generous donations we have already received for this appeal. Our school Christmas tree is looking lovely with all the donations under it. Any gifts which would be suitable for children, teenagers or young adults can be placed under the school Christmas tree by **Monday 16th December** ready for collection by Cotton Court, Preston. Thank you for your generosity.

Christingle - Monday 16th December



On Monday, we will be visiting church to celebrate the Christingle service, which will be led by Years 5 and 6. During the afternoon, we are going to reflect on the meaning of the Christingle and will make our own. **Please could you send each child to school with one orange** as the basis for their Christingle (we will provide the other items).



Derian House Festive Jolly Jingles

Musical keyrings are on sale in the school entrance area and cost £3 each with all proceeds going to Derian House.



Christmas Cards

The Christmas Post Box is now in our school entrance area. Y5 will be distributing the cards. If you would like to take an opportunity to send in a donation to Mikoroshoni, our sponsor school in Kenya, instead of sending lots of Christmas cards and reducing waste too, the children could write a card to the whole school or class, enclose the donation, and post it in the box. A suggested donation of £1 or £2 would be great and this is totally voluntary. Cards can still be sent as normal if that is something you choose to do. Thank you.

First Kick Holiday Club

This club takes place at Southlands High School Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st December, 2nd and 3rd January. Limited free spaces for HAF children. £18 one day, £36 two days, £50 three days and £65 four days. To book and for more information please call 01772 428086 or 07514 316534.

Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Please see posters below about Christmas events on offer in our local area. Anyone interested in the Christmas Celebration on 20.12.2024 will have to book on, either via the QR code on the poster, or by calling 01257 516316. The Christmas Drop-in on 31.12.2024 is open to all. Please also see information about a new Dad's/Male Carers Group with meetings taking place in 2025.

Euxton Methodist Church

'Meet Santa' is taking place on Saturday 21st December from 10.30am-4.30pm at Euxton Methodist Church. £8 per child, including craft stalls and festive photo opportunities. To book a slot please contact Sarah on 0795 5380951.

Admissions – Primary Places September 2025

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. The closing date for primary school applications is **Wednesday 15 January 2025**.

Message from School Office

As we approach the end of term, please could you all check your balances on ParentPay and ensure that they are all clear before we return in the Spring Term in January. Thank you.

Euxton Parish Church

Please see below Christmas services at our church.



Festive dates ahead:

Monday 16th December – Christingle service led by the children in Year 6 and Year 5. It will take place in church **at 2pm** and will include readings and carols. **Two adults per Y5/Y6 child** are welcome to join us. The service will last approximately 45 minutes. Children can be collected from church after the service or return to school as normal if attending after school club. Thank you.

Reception, Y1-4 will walk over to church on Monday morning to watch the Y5 and Y6 practice service. All the classes will then explore Christingle in school in the afternoon and make their own Christingle orange.

Tuesday 17th December – Infant & Junior Christmas party day – children can come into school wearing their party clothes. (Please still wear layers for the colder weather, sensible footwear and a coat). Thank you to the PTFA for providing snacks and drinks for the parties.

Wednesday 18th December - Grandparents' Coffee Morning **9.30-10.30am** – this event is now full – please remind your grandparents that there will be a raffle during the morning (please bring cash for the raffle as we do not have a card machine).

Thursday 19th December – Carols in the hall from **2.45pm** – everyone welcome.

Friday 20th December – End of term. Please note there is no after school club on this day. School finishes at **1.30pm**.



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

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross-contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, topping Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modeling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.



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CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

MAKE A YOUNG PERSON SMILE THIS CHRISTMAS!



DONATE IN PERSON OR SEND US A GIFT!

COTTON COURT, CHURCH STREET, PRESTON, PR1 3BY

SCAN
FOR
MORE
DETAILS



Believe in
children
Barnardo's



Monday 30th Dec
Duke Street Family Hub
Duke Street
PR7 3DU
11am-3pm



CHRISTMAS CRAFT DROP IN

Non-bookable event

Tuesday 31st Dec
Highfield Family Hub
Wright Street
PR6 0SL
11am-3pm



JOIN US FOR OUR *Christmas Celebration*

MEET SANTA IN HIS GROTTTO, MAKE SOME ARTS AND CRAFTS
AND JOIN IN WITH FUN GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR
ALL THE FAMILY



FATHER CHRISTMAS
SANTA'S GROTTTO
REINDEERLAND
XM4 5HQ

20th
December
2:30-4:30pm

DUKE STREET FAMILY HUB, PR7 3DU

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Quality time
& FUN
With your
Children
0-11yrs

Saturday 1st Feb
Saturday 1st March
Saturday 5th April
9.30am till 11.30am

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