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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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### <u>Admissions – Primary Places September 2025</u>

You can now apply via <a href="www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools">www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools</a> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

# MONITOR DIGITAL



Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to patential dangers such as cyberbuilying, incorporate content and online predictors, tolarscling screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper mentioning tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use patental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively, Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital hobits encourage sets online shorters.

# PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS



The incidence of house fires increases during Christman due to greater use of condies, cookers and electrical decorations. Open faures, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Insure smake descates 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 condies to prevent mithaps.

# 3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in trusier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather related hazerds. Weather conditions, road roge forigue and trusy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack entergency kits and adhere to seather laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid switting and mitigate risks on busy roads.

# BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many loads that may contain allegence. Cross containination, unified labelling and lock of allegy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicatis any allegy needs to hosts, provide safe load atternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistomines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advecate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

# PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS



Cold weather and seasonal rocialising can increase the spread of viruses like its and COVID-18. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, districts unifaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of lithess.

# Meet Our Expert

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# 6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

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

# MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS



Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and condies can pase electrical, fire and chesking harands it mishandified. Freyed whee, 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 legite or small items out of reach and ensure condies are never left unattended. Testing smake alarms and using flame relandant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

# 8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS



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

# 9 ADDRESS STRESS



Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lock of doentime can course stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or peor decision making, incorporate rest, maintain regular reutimes and seek support to reduce stress. Incourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier haliday superience for sevences.

# 10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

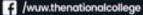


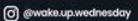
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Source: See full reference list on guide page at https://nationalcollege.com/guides/sofety-over-the-festive-season











# CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

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Non-bookable event



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



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