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Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to our Euxton Superstars this week:

Reception: Joe Ellis Year 1: William Prowse Year 2: Charlie Eyles Year 3: Siena Harrison

Year 4: Hannah Della-Fera

Year 5: Georgia Dean Year 6: Jamie Leadbetter

Well done to you all!

Silver Awards

Congratulations to our Silver Award winners. Megan Ashcroft, Joe Ellis, Lucy Graham, Oliver Pilkington and Olivia Ainsworth were all presented with their certificates this morning.

Easter Worship

Thank you to our Year 3 and Year 4 children for such a lovely Easter service in school yesterday. It was a very special time and the children spoke and sang beautifully. Thank you.

Easter Bingo

What a super evening! Thank you to our PTFA for organising this, to you all for your donations of chocolate and to so many of you who were able to come along on the night. A staggering $\pounds 612$ was raised for school – wow! Thank you to Miss Bamber for being an excellent bingo caller, I was very impressed! Thank you for parking responsibly too, it is very much appreciated. The Blackburn Rovers shirt raffle raised an amazing £142 – thanks once again to Gill and Andy Dearden.

Cross Country

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team! What a successful morning last Saturday in glorious sunshine. Our Y3/4 girls team and our Y5/6 girls team both came first, which is brilliant. Individual success came from Caitlin Hodgson from Y4 who was 1st in her race, and Lewis Chambers from Y4 who came 2nd in his. Congratulations to all the children involved and a big thank you to Mrs Millar and Mrs Obertelli for their hard work with the team. Thanks to Eve Pedley from Year 6 for this paragraph: 'I really enjoyed doing cross country as it is something anyone can do. I also liked it because everyone won a medal and it wasn't muddy either! Cross country was great because I got to have a go at something I don't do every day.'

School gate opens at 8.45am

Please ensure you only drop children off from 8:45am in the mornings as otherwise they will be unsupervised. Thank you for your support.

Parents' Y6 English Workshop

This was very well attended by parents from both schools, and I know it was very informative (although a bit scary as to the challenge!). We hope to run more of these kind of sessions in the future.

Year 1 Sponsored Walk

Wow! Thanks so much to everyone involved in the Y1 sponsored walk, whether it be walking or supporting. A special thank you to Kate Cooper, Heidi's mum, for her organisation. A wonderful £715 was raised, with £550 going to our 'Cash for Grass' appeal and the remainder to develop the Y1 outdoor area. What a wonderful school family we have!

Science Quiz

Well done to our KS2 Science team, who came second in the Science Quiz at Chorley St. James' Primary School. Well done to Alex Ainscough (Y3), Freya Melling (Y4), Eve Chadwick (Y5) and Stas Szczepanczyk (Y6). They had a wonderful time too!

Comic Relief

It was lovely to present a fantastic £121 to Comic Relief as a result of such kindness from our children and families. Thank you to Megan and Alex Ainscough for making the bracelets (which speedily sold out!) and to Kaelyn Hann, Georgia Dean, Niamh Lawton, Lydia Ellison and Eleanor Ellison for making cakes to sell. The display looked delicious!

PTFA Lucky numbers winners!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs G Bottoms (Sam's grandparents) who are this month's £20 winners.

Thank you and Goodbye

We say thank you and 'goodbye' today to Mrs Mason, who has been working in Year 1 this term. On behalf of us all I would like to wish her every success in her teaching career and am I sure she will be a great success. I know she hopes to come in and work voluntarily in school after Easter so we look forward to welcoming her back then.

Football News

Thank you to Mr Price for the following:

'Our boys played in the Ollerton Cup yesterday in a very physical game vs Balshaw Lane Primary School. Our team performance and team spirit were excellent and we battled hard. Despite losing, I was so proud of their attitude. Well done boys!'

Activities next term

Art Club will recommence with the same group after Easter.

Athletics 'summer' group to start after Easter.

Girls' football will continue on Mondays after school.

Blackburn Rovers Multi skills continues after Easter.

Cross Country has now finished.

Choir will continue on Thursday mornings.

High Fives has now finished and will be replaced by **Rounders** on Wednesdays for Years 5 and 6 and will start on Wednesday 19th April after school (names to the office). **High Fives** continues on Thursdays after Easter starting on 20th April (the list is full). **Rounders** for Years 3 and 4 will commence at lunchtimes on Thursdays from 20th April (again, names to the office).

Welfare Vacancy at Euxton St Mary's RC Primary School

St Mary's have a vacancy in school for a lunchtime welfare assistant. The hours are 1 hour 20 mins (11.55am - 1.15pm) Monday to Friday. The hourly rate of pay is £8.45 per hour. Please contact the school office at St Mary's on 01257 262049 for further information or email bursar@euxton-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk. Thank you.

Easter Crafts at Euxton Library

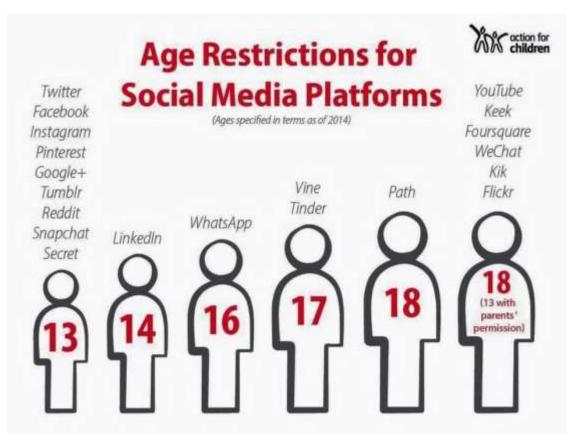
Go along to Euxton library on Monday 10^{th} April between 2.30-4pm to enjoy Easter crafts. £1 per child upto a maximum of £2 per family.

Mobile Phones in School

Should, for any reason whatsoever, a child need to bring a mobile phone into school with them then these **must** be left in the reception during the school day. I am sure you understand the reasons for this. Thank you for your support.

E-Safety

As the holidays are approaching, I thought it would be appropriate to remind you to be vigilant in terms of knowing what your children are using either online, or on mobile phones/tablets. The following image indicates the age restrictions for social media platforms, which are there for a reason and based on maturity.



Bike Coding at Euxton Library

Chorley Neighbourhood Policing Team will be providing free bike security coding (including scooters and skateboards) at Euxton library on Wednesday 12th April between 2-4pm.

Hard Hats

Thank you to Adlington Welding who have donated some hard hats to school for our Reception children to use in their role play. This was a very kind gesture and much appreciated.

School Dinners

When we return back to school on Tuesday 19th April the children will enjoy 'week 1' of the menu.

Happy holidays!

On behalf of everyone at school I would like to wish you all a lovely Easter break. School finishes today at 3:30pm and I look forward to seeing you all safe and sound on Tuesday 18th April 2017.

And Finally....

Thank you to Katie Dearden from Year 4 for our joke this week:

Q. Why do potatoes make good detectives?

A. Because they keep their eyes peeled!

Thank you Katie, a great joke! Please send your jokes in - I need lots to choose from!

Have a lovely Easter. Take care,

Mr Nick Ward Headteacher