



# Euxton Church of England Primary School



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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents,

## Cinema trip

What a wonderful time we all had. The film was thoroughly enjoyed by all and I think the sweets went down well too! The message of '**Being number one doesn't matter if there aren't any other numbers**' was certainly an important one. Thank you to our volunteers for coming along and helping to supervise the children. The behaviour from all our children was outstanding and was commended by all. A letter will be coming home next week about the pantomime next month.

## Children in Need - next Friday

Next Friday (17<sup>th</sup>) is Children in Need. We will be having a non-uniform day to highlight awareness for the charity. For those of you who would like to donate and the easiest way for you to do so is through school, please send any money in an envelope and we will make sure it gets to the charity. **This is totally at your discretion however and not expected at all.** Thank you for your continued support.

## Remembrance Day

We will be holding a 2 minute silence for Remembrance Day in school on Monday morning. We explored the theme of Remembrance during worship last week, with such respect shown by the children. I used the following poem, which helped the children to understand. I hope you like it.

### ***THE INQUISITIVE MIND OF A CHILD - A Poem for Remembrance Day***

*Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?  
Selling poppies in town today.  
The poppies, child, are flowers of love.  
For the men who marched away.  
But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?  
Why not a beautiful rose?  
Because my child, men fought and died  
In the fields where the poppies grow.  
But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?  
Why are the poppies so red?  
Red is the colour of blood, my child.  
The blood that our soldiers shed.  
The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.  
Why does it have to be black?  
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.  
For the men who never came back.  
But why, Mummy are you crying so?  
Your tears are giving you pain.  
My tears are my fears for you my child.  
For the world is forgetting again.*

## School Adviser Annual Report

Every school in Lancashire has a School Adviser, who visits the school a number of times over the year, and is in constant touch with us. Our School Adviser is Mrs Julie Brown. She has just produced her Annual Report for the Governing Body, which contains the following summary to share with you all:

*'Euxton CE Primary School is a popular, average sized, primary school. The headteacher has been in post for a year and the changes within the school are positively evident as a result of his calming, warm and purposeful manner. Euxton CE Primary School is a forward-thinking school. The whole team has an ethos of further development and raised expectations. The curriculum and experiences of children is highly effective. The next year will be interesting for the school, as it continues on the momentum of strengthening the whole school experience. The school was inspected in May 2011 and judged to be Outstanding. This remains the case.*

*The quality of teaching remains highly effective, as evidenced by the standards of achievement in the school. There are effective systems for monitoring and evaluating the quality of teaching with skilled involvement by senior leaders.*

*The school demonstrates a deep commitment to the pupils in its care and ambition for their outcomes. A positive, welcoming and inclusive learning environment is in evidence throughout the school. There is a new energy in the school, which is motivational for all. There is effective leadership from the Governors and headteacher. Members of the governing body are well-informed, supportive and active within the school. The headteacher has a clear vision, which is widely shared. It is intended that Middle Leaders will have an increased role to lead improvements in their subject areas. School action planning is wide-ranging with tight timescales and success criteria. The impact of this, together with effective teaching, are outstanding standards of achievement.'*

Thank you to a wonderful school community.

## Use of the School Drive

Thank you for your support in regards to the changes from the use of the school drive from Monday. To summarise, the drive is no longer to be used by parents at all before school and only after 4:45pm after school. The decision hasn't been taken lightly and I know you understand the reasons behind this. In order to support our families it has been decided to open Breakfast Club 5 minutes early, so the provision will now be available from 7:40am. Parents who use this have already been informed and I know that this decision has been very much welcomed. **Please could you make grandparents and other family members, who wouldn't normally see our newsletters, aware of this change.** I really do appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

## Radio Lancashire - Live broadcast from Euxton CE!

We are very excited to let you know that Radio Lancashire will be broadcasting LIVE from our school on Tuesday morning! Presenters Sally Naden and Brett Davison will be in our entrance area all morning presenting their breakfast show awaiting a visit from the one and only Pudsey Bear! He is due to arrive at 11.30 am and will be welcomed by our children and the children from St Mary's. Pudsey will then enjoy a lunch with our children in the hall. I am sure it is going to be a wonderful morning!

## Girls' Football training has now finished until the Spring.

### **PTFA Forthcoming Events**

Thanks to our PTFA for organising a wonderful range of events, both social occasions and fundraisers, for the forthcoming year. More information will come out nearer the time, but please see below for an overview:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair 11am-1pm	Family event and all welcome
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	School Disco Infants 6pm-7pm Juniors 7.15pm-8.15pm	Drop off the kids for an evening of dancing fun with Disco Danny
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Flowers	An opportunity to treat a special person for Mother's Day!
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bingo	All ages welcome and parents can join in too
April - date TBC	Ladies Shopping Night and Fashion Show	Mums bring your friends for an evening of fun and shopping
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Treasure Hunt - compete with your friends at our walking treasure hunt	An exciting new family event and enjoy a BBQ afterwards.
June - date TBC	Bog Eyed Jog	Come and challenge yourself to run around the playground in your PJs and enjoy breakfast with your friends
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June (provisional)	Summer Fair after Sports Day!	Fun, games, food for all the family.

All of these sound great - I really do hope you can join us!

### **Advance Notice - Christmas Fair Non-Uniform Days**

Our Christmas Fair will be held from 11am-1pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and we will be having non-uniform days the two Friday's beforehand. On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November we will be asking for donations of chocolate and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December for bottles. Please keep hold of any unwanted DVD's, books etc as we would love those bringing in too. More information about all of these will be in future newsletters. Thank you so much in advance for your support.

### **EuXton Factor Final**

The grand final will be taking place on Thursday afternoon (16th). The fourteen finalists will be performing on the stage, in front of the whole school and their families. Miss James has invited a special panel of judges to help decide the winner - I'm glad it's not my choice, they were all brilliant!

### **Individual and sibling photos**

These have arrived in school today and are in school bags tonight. If there are any queries with any of the orders please email [bursar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk) and Mrs Hodges will pass your email on to Adam, the photographer.

### **Shoe Box Appeal 2017**

Thank you to those families who have already taken a box home to fill. Empty boxes are still available in school, please speak to the office if you would like to fill one. We would like all filled boxes to be returned to school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### **Children in Need event**

Tilly and Oscar Steele-Moon are holding their annual Children in Need event at 12 St Mary's Gate, Euxton on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30-7pm. All are welcome to go and support if they wish to. There will be a raffle, tombola, toys, books, lucky dip and refreshments. Tilly and Oscar look forward to seeing you there and thank you in advance for your support.

### **Derian House Christmas beanies**

As from Monday morning there will be Gingerbread Friends and Father Christmas beanies for sale on the front desk. A suggested donation per beanie of £1.50 has been requested from Derian House. I am sure they won't hang around very long as they are very cute.

### **Good luck to the Ainsworth family!**

We said goodbye to Paige and Zac (and Nichola and Phillip) this week. We wish them the very best for their new life in New Zealand and are looking forward to hearing about all their adventures.

### **And Finally....**

Thank you to Beatrice Sage from Year 2 (and her mum and dad!) for our joke this week:

**Harry Potter can't tell the difference between his cooking pot and his best friend....they're both cauldron!**

Thank you Bea, very clever thinking! Please send your jokes in - I need lots to choose from!

Take care,

Mr Nick Ward  
Headteacher

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

Wisdom Compassion Humility Friendship Peace Trust Forgiveness Hope