



# Euxton Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

## **Euxton Superstars!**

Congratulations to our Euxton Superstars this week:

**Reception: Grace Booth**

**Year 1: Francesca Robinson**

**Year 2: Alfie Coates**

**Year 3: Louis Crake**

**Year 4: Caitlin Edge**

**Year 5: Sam Bottoms**

**Year 6: Georgia Dean**

Well done to you all!

## **Bronze Awards**

Congratulations to our Bronze Award winners. **Zea Callander, Jonathan Waugh, Thomas Palmer, Lily Sacco, Olivia Draycott, Victoria Clewlow, James Turner, Sophie Lunt, Thea Kendall, Scarlett Cain, Ella Sandiford, McKenzie Hartley, Daniel Turner, Lydia Ellison, Evelyn Kearney, Maya Roberts, Aaron Johnson, Charlie Bamber, Chloe Payne, William Tansey, Megan Eyles, Eleanor Ellison, Siena Harrison, Caitlin Edge, Scott Evans, James Ingram, Georgia Dean, Evie Coles, Sofia O'Reilly, Gemma Balshaw, Bex Cayzer, Luke Chadwick and Charlotte Huggan** were all presented with their certificates this morning.

## **Swimming Star**

Well done to Katie Sacco and Callum Eccles, who were both given a 'School Swimming Star' certificate at their lesson at Tarleton yesterday!

## **Mrs Thomson**

I would like to let you know that Mrs Thomson will be leaving us at Christmas. Many of you will know, she also has a role working for the Local Authority, supporting schools in need. She has now been asked to extend this role and feels that it is the right time for her to take up this challenge. This has been an incredibly difficult decision for Mrs Thomson to make, as our school has such a special place in her heart. Although I am sad she will no longer officially be with us, I fully understand her reasons for this and support her with her decision. I know she will continue to work with us in some way, and as a parent still be involved in the life of our school. Good luck Adele!

I have decided that I will take over teaching responsibility in Year 4 on a Thursday after Christmas for the time being. Therefore, please excuse me if I don't get back to you as quickly or find it easy to arrange appointments on a Thursday, although I obviously will do so if it is important. Thank you for your support.

### **Mrs Parker**

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Parker back to school on Monday, after her operation earlier this term. We have missed her and it will be lovely to see her. Thank you very much to Mrs Hargreaves, who has done a great job covering in the office in her absence. Mrs Hargreaves will be continuing to volunteer in school on a Wednesday.

### **Y5 Playleaders**

Our Year 5 children will receive training on Tuesday morning on being PALS (Playleaders At LunchTimes). They will be learning lots of exciting break-time games, including ones they can teach the younger children too. This will be delivered as part of our work with the Chorley School Sports Partnership.

### **The School of Military!**

We will be welcoming 'The School of Military' into school on Tuesday afternoon. As part of our work on British Values, our Y6 class, along with Y6 from St. Mary's, will be learning all about our armed forces and the different aspects that form this. They will also be having a Bootcamp training session. This will be outside so an old tracksuit / old trainers are strongly recommended to be brought in on the day! I am sure they will have a great afternoon.

### **Bumped Head Sticker**

Mrs Critchley and Mrs Platt recently returned from their two day First Aid course with advice from the instructor regarding bumped heads. If a child bumps their head at any time during the school day we should always administer first aid and send them home with a 'bumped head' letter. This we already do and will continue to do so. They have suggested that in addition to this, the child is given a sticker to wear for the rest of the day so that they are easily identifiable as having bumped their head. Often symptoms of drowsiness or dizziness can occur hours after the bump and although we do inform the teacher and other staff, this method is proven to be successful. We have bought these stickers and are going to use them with immediate effect. It is a simple yellow sticker; we certainly don't want the children to feel self-conscious at all, but feel it is important we have some way of monitoring them carefully. Our first aid in school continues to be a thorough process, and rightly so. I had a Health and Safety representative from the Local Authority in school earlier this week, and she highly commended our procedures. Thanks to all staff for their support when the children do have an accident or feel poorly, they really are looked after so well.

### **Children in Need Event**

Well done to Tilly and Oscar Steele-Moon (and their family!) for raising a fantastic £397.90 at their annual Children in Need event last Friday. Amazing!

### **PTFA - Thank you!**

A massive 'thank you' to our PTFA for very kindly buying a new interactive whiteboard for our school. Two of our classrooms have boards that need updating and as a result of their support we have been able to order one for installation soon. We are hoping that after the Christmas Fair we may be able to buy the other one. Our PTFA have also funded a new class set of Euxton CE sports kit for our children to wear in competitions - I am sure it will get the message across to our competitors that we mean business! Thank you so much PTFA, and also to all of you for the contributions you make and the support you give.

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

Thank you so much for your support this morning with our non-uniform day, and for your kind and generous donations of chocolate. THANK YOU! We will be doing it all again next Friday and hope you will be able to help us out once again with donations of **bottles**. Please keep hold of any unwanted DVD's, books etc as we would love those bringing in too. We really do appreciate it.

### **Christmas Fair Raffle Tickets**

Additional prizes have just been added:

*1 x 6 week course and Little Kickers Football Kit worth £55 - [www.littlekickers.co.uk](http://www.littlekickers.co.uk)  
2 x tickets to Gulliver's World, Warrington on 29th or 30th December 2017  
Domino's, Buckshaw Village worth £18.99*

I am sure you will agree, all of these are fantastic! Next week, Kate Cooper (Heidi's mum) will be selling them on the gate on the morning of **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**, and before and after school on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** and **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. Thanks Kate.

### **PTFA Lucky Numbers winner**

Congratulations to Mrs Mallanaphy (Caitlin and Hannah Lilley's grandma) who has won this month's £20.00 draw! There will be a £50 draw at the Christmas Fair next Saturday. Please see Mrs Benabda (Jacob's mum in YR) if you would like to be part of that draw which raises money for our PTFA who then contribute the life of our school in so many ways. It costs £12 per year and each month there is a draw for £20, with a £50 draw at Christmas.

### **Nativity Costumes**

Please could the infant children bring their Nativity costumes into school by next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Thank you.

### **Congratulations!**

I am delighted to let you all know that Hannah Hall in Y3 is a big sister again, after already being one to Bethany! Welcome to the world baby Florence, we can't wait to meet you. Love to all the family, and congratulations to Ruth and Stephen.

### **School Christmas Lunch**

Letters were sent home last week promoting our school Christmas lunch, which will be served on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. If your child doesn't normally have a school lunch and would like to enjoy this meal, please complete the form and return it to the school office with £2.20 by 4<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

### **School Library**

Please could all school library books be returned to school by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, so that the library ladies can do an audit. If your child is still reading a book, they can continue to do so, just please let the ladies know. Thank you.

### **HighFives is cancelled next week**

HighFives won't be on next Wednesday, due to an athletics tournament.

### Disco Date Change

Just to let you know in plenty of time, the PTFA Discos after Christmas will now be on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, not the week after as originally planned. More info nearer the time.

### Shoe Box Appeal 2017

Thank you to those families who have kindly filled and returned a box to school. There is a huge pile of them in the entrance area now and they will be collected by Chorley Rotary Club on Tuesday morning. If you have a box at home and haven't had chance to fill it please return it to the school office and we will hand it back to Mr Meadley when he comes into school to collect the boxes. Thank you so much for supporting this worthwhile charity. We have 67 filled boxes ready for collection!

### And Finally....

Thank you to Sophia O'Reilly from Year 4 for our joke this week:

**Q. What's the worst cat to have?**

**A. A cat-astrophe!**

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

Take care,

Mr Nick Ward  
Headteacher

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