



Euxton Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Reception Superstars!

Well done to our **whole** Reception class, who were all 'Superstars' this week. They have been amazing in worship all this week and they all placed their pebble in our special bowl this morning, to symbolise the start of their time with us. It was lovely that Gracie and Maxwell from Y4 did too. Our first official 'Celebration' worship will take place next Friday.

Welcome to.../Meet the Team Meetings

Thank you so much to all the staff for preparing these meetings for you all this week. The feedback from these have been so overwhelmingly positive from all and it is something we will continue to offer over the years. Many of you will have been unable to attend and we do understand this. The information from the meeting will be on the class pages of the website, within this half-term's curriculum booklet, and you are always welcome to have a look at your child's classroom at a time convenient to you.

Parents' Evening

You should have returned your appointment request letters today, for an appointment to meet your child's teacher on Monday 24th September. If you haven't then please ensure that these are in on Monday as staff will be meeting to co-ordinate times. You will be informed of your time next week. Thank you

Parent Pay

We have now 'gone live' with Parent Pay and by now you should have all received your activation letters. **Please activate your accounts as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. This method is the only way to pay for anything in school (apart from toast) so activation is essential.** Siblings are linked together in the same account by using the two activation codes provided. If you have mislaid your activation letter please email Mrs Hodges at bursar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk to request a copy. The office staff are now starting to add payment requests to your accounts for things such as milk, uniform, music lessons (keyboard lessons are still paid direct to BMA), trips etc. If you notice anything unusual in your account please speak to either Mrs Hodges or Mrs Parker before you pay for it. I am sure you will agree it will make life much easier than handling large amounts of cash or searching for a cheque book. If you have any questions do come in and ask or telephone school and we will endeavour to help. We may not have all the answers but will do our best to find a solution.

Thank you to you all for your patience whilst this is being set up. We really do appreciate it. I would like to say a massive 'thank you' to Mrs Hodges and Mrs Parker, who have worked incredibly hard in ensuring that this method of payment (which will be fantastic when we are all used to it!) is up and running. Thank you!

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for one of our parents to join our Governing Body as a Parent Governor. Our Governors play such an important role in the life of our school and we are looking forward to welcoming another member to our team. Governors meet each term as a full Governing Body and then we have committees that also meet on average once a term. A letter to explain the process, which has to be followed strictly, is going home to everyone today. Please do not hesitate to have a word with me if you would like any additional information.

Medical Forms

Please return these to school as soon as possible, even if your child has no needs. It is really important to us that we 'get it right' in terms of the medical needs of our children. These were given out last term, so if you need a replacement please just ask at the office. Thank you to all of you who have returned these so far.

PTFA Meeting

You are **all** welcome to join us for the first PTFA meeting of the school year this **Monday, 17th September**. The meeting will be held in school at **7:30pm**, please come along if you can. We have a very friendly team, who work so hard to raise money for our children, and they would love to welcome as many of you as possible.

Reception Drop-off Information

As our lovely Reception children have settled in so well, we would really like to promote their independence by allowing them to come into the class on their own from Monday. If parents would wait at the gate outside the Reception area and let the children walk into class themselves then that would be great. Obviously if you need to have a word with any of the team then you can still do so. Thank you so much for your support.

Reception Class Photo

Order forms for this photo are in the children's book bags tonight. Please return the orders and money to the school office by Friday 5th October at the latest and we will pass them onto the Chorley Guardian. Thank you. The photo will be printed in the Chorley Guardian newspaper in the next few weeks. If they inform us of a publication date we will let you know.

Thank you

A huge thank you to Mr Graham (Lucy's Dad) and Mr and Mrs Cayzer (Bex's Mum and Dad) for their very kind donation of IT equipment and a curved flute respectively. We really do appreciate it.

Clubs updates

Taekwando with Mr Ellison on Mondays 3.30-4.30 - places are available, contact dmillar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk if your child is interested. First taster session is free.

Athletics - this club will now start on Tuesday 25th September.

HighFives - no club next week (19th Sept), 3rd October and 17th October due to HighFive matches.

Multisport Dodgeball Disco with DJ Danny - club starts Weds 19th Sept, forms and money to the school office as soon as possible if your child is interested.

The Football Development Programme

Matt came into Worship this week to speak to the children about this club taking place on our school field during the half-term holiday 22nd-26th October. Leaflets in bags tonight. This is a really popular holiday club and places can be booked on line at www.the-footballdevelopmentprogramme.co.uk.

Lego Robotics at Euxton Library

This is a free session taking place at Euxton library on Saturday 29th September 10am-12pm. One parent to one child ages 4-11. Make science come to life, designing, investigating, modelling and computing with Lego. Call into the library to book as places are limited.

Family Church Parade Service

Thank you to Isla Johnson (Y4) and Luke Parker (Y6) for carrying the school flag at the Family Parade Service in church on Sunday. This special service takes place on the second Sunday of each month at 10:00am. If your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6 and would like to do this, then please email Mrs Parker on l.parker@euxton.lancs.sch.uk, or pop in and have a word with her.

Admissions - Primary and Secondary Places

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. If you are applying to any faith school a separate form should be provided by them and completed. The closing dates are as follows:

Secondary (Y7 in Sept 2019) - 31st October 2018

Primary (Reception in Sept 2018) - 15th January 2019

Please do not hesitate to have a chat with me if you would like any additional information. If you know anyone who is interested in their child coming to our lovely school then please encourage them to come along to our Open Day, which will be on **Tuesday 9th October**. There will be two opportunities on the day; from 9:30-10:30 and from 1:30-2:30pm. It would be great to have a rough idea of numbers so we encourage prospective parents to contact the school office and let us know if they would like to attend. Although this is an Open Day, it is so important to us that it reflects normal, everyday school life, which it will. Our Year 6 children are already excited about showing people around and I know they will do us proud!

High School Open Evenings

Southlands High School - Monday 17th September 5.30-8pm

Parklands High School - Thursday 20th September 5.15-8.15pm

Albany Academy - Thursday 27th September

Balshaws High School - Thursday 4th October 6-9pm

And Finally....

Thank you to Evelyn Kearney from Year 2 for our joke this week:

Q. Why did the boy throw butter out of the window?

A. Because he wanted to see the butterfly!

Thank you Evelyn - a great joke! Please remember to send your jokes in to me, I would love loads 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