



Euxton Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to our Euxton Superstars this week:

Reception: Amelie Lloyd-Wheeler

Year 1: Oliver Ralph

Year 2: Maya Roberts

Year 3: Sophie Sendall

Year 4: Heidi Cooper

Year 5: Luke Blyden

Year 6: James Turner

Well done to you all!

Open Day

What a success! Open Day was lovely. We had so many visitors, I think it was the busiest we have ever been, and everyone was so complimentary about our lovely school. I felt very proud and as I walked around school it reaffirmed how much I love this place too! I really felt we showed off who we are and that was so important to us. The relationships between all; the high expectations; the hard working ethos and our Christian distinctiveness really did reflect our mission statement that we all SHINE in the light of Jesus. Our Y6 children (every single one of them) did such an amazing job in showing our prospective parents round and high praise was rightly given to them too. Thank you also to our Y6 school councillors who spoke so well and once again to our Reception parents for their comments too. We really do have a very special place here and I really do want to thank you all.

Year 5 Worship

Our Year 5 children will be leading worship next **Thursday, 17th October**, at 9am. You are all very welcome to join us.

The EuXton Factor

It's coming back! The EuXton Factor really is a celebration of talent - dance, music, joke-telling, poetry recitals, cheerleading, magic....these are just a few options. Like last year, each class will be holding their own auditions and fairly selecting 2 acts from each class to compete in the grand final, which will be on Children in Need Day - Friday 15th November. This is for children in Y1-Y6 as we feel it may be a little daunting at this stage for our newest members of school. If your child, either individually or with others from their class would like to take part then the auditions will be on the afternoon of Tuesday 29th October, just after we return to school after half-term. They will need any music, props, costumes, with them on the day. Our School Council will take a lead role in the finals, compering the event. A winner will then be chosen to perform at our Grandparents Coffee Morning on 19th December. Good luck children!

School Adviser Visit

Our Local Authority School Adviser is Mrs Julie Brown. She produces an Annual Report for our school and I thought it would be nice to share her summary with you:

'The school is led by a highly effective head teacher who is assiduous and inspiring and with this comes an incredibly talented and dedicated team who all have a clear understanding of the key priorities for the school moving forward. Systems and processes for monitoring pupil progress have been established and embedded over time. Subject leaders are developing in their role and contribute to the monitoring and evaluation of the work of the school. The headteacher's evaluation is that teaching is at least good in the main with practice that is outstanding. This view has been supported by work undertaken by the school adviser including a couple of learning walks and book looks across the year. Pupils show interest in their learning and many talk with enthusiasm and enjoy showing visitors in their classroom and work. The development of reading and phonics has been prioritised. Again pupils talk clearly about how reading is taught in their class and they seem to enjoy the text and consistency of the approach adopted. Displays around school show the breadth and quality of pupils work as well as the opportunities on offer through the curriculum.'

Thank you so much to our wonderful school family.

Mrs Brown comes into school a number of times over the year and over the last year has visited classes to observe teaching and learning, looked at the work our children produced and talked with children too. She still feels we remain an outstanding school, and not just in terms of the data. Our last Ofsted inspection was in 2011 and, as we were graded outstanding, we became exempt from routine inspections. However, annually Ofsted complete a desktop inspection, looking at a range of information, including attainment and progress, and should this have caused concern they would have returned. You may have heard in the news that outstanding schools may return to the Ofsted cycle. Should this happen, the criteria for this has since changed dramatically and is not comparable to what it was previously. However, the whole team continue to work so hard, I'm sure you agree, to make our school outstanding for you all.

Education City

Tonight we are sending home login details for Education City, which our Y1 to Y6 children have used before. We were given a free year of this and have been given an extension in order for us to decide whether we want to continue. Please have a go over the next few weeks and I will ask for feedback in November. If we do continue it will incur a cost, and we only want to do this if it is used and useful
Thank you.

School Harvest

Thank you so much for your generous donations of food for the church Harvest Service this Sunday. Volunteers from church will distribute them, along with items donated to church, to our parishioners.

Disco's

Great fun was had by all! Thank you to our PTFA and many members of staff who supported this, giving our children a lovely evening! It was also great to raise a fantastic £485.00 for school! I would also like to say a personal thank you to you all for collecting your children on time and for all the help from our staff and PTFA in tidying up afterwards. To be on my way home at 8:25pm, when the disco only finished at 8:15pm, is brilliant and much appreciated.

Swimming Stars

Well done to Thomas McCabe, Archie Taylor, Willow Cross, Heidi Cooper, Bea Sage, Maddie White and Katie Leap, who were all awarded 'Swimming Star' at Y4's lesson at Tarleton this week. They really are impressed with our children!

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:

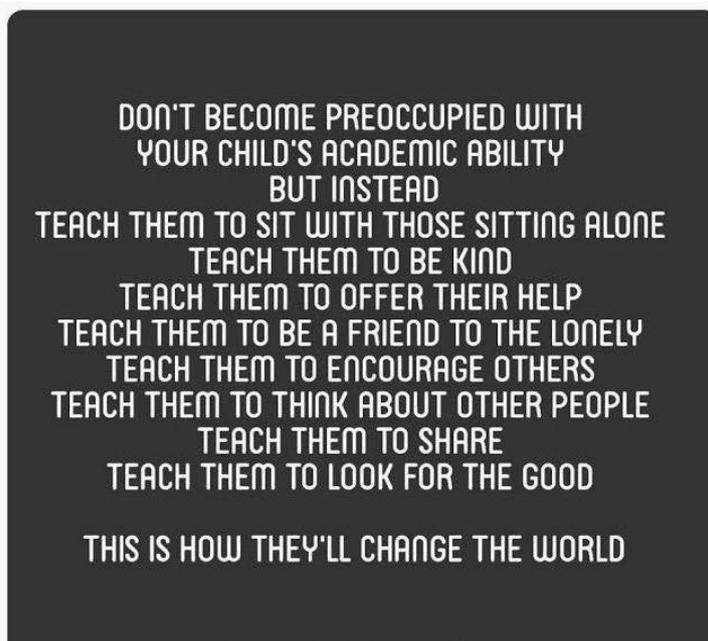
Secondary (Y7 in Sept 2020) - 31st October 2019

Primary (Reception in Sept 2020) - 15th January 2020

Please do not hesitate to have a chat with me if you would like any additional information.

World Mental Health Day

It was World Mental Health Day yesterday and as you know, positive mental health has a high priority here. Not only do we display the message around school, our Heartsmart, PSHCE curriculum, worship and general ethos all support this. I saw this on social media yesterday, which I thought was perfect to share today:



Lovely words for us all, I'm sure you'll agree.

There will be no High5's next Wednesday 16th due to a match taking place

Girls' football result

Congratulations to our girls' football team who won both of their games on Wednesday night at Parklands. Brilliant! Well done to Hannah Hall, Hannah Rigby, Hannah Martin, Tilly Steele-Moon, Esme Dotchin, Grace Kendall, Evie Tattersall, Josie Leigh, Elizabeth Rimmer and Victoria Clewlow.

Girls Football Training

A reminder that Jamie will be returning to train the girls on a Monday after school, starting this Monday, 14th October. Please email Mrs Parker on l.parker@euxton.lancs.sch.uk to confirm if your child would like to participate in this new Monday session for girls. Mr Price will be continuing training the boys on a Thursday. Thank you.

Bag2School

Empty bags have been sent home this week. The date for returning filled ones is Wednesday 30th October. Please place your filled bags under the parent noticeboard near Year 2 on the morning of the 30th. This is a good excuse for a good sort out of clothes in the October half-term and raises money for our PTFA!

Sickness

Thank you for respecting our 48 hour sickness rule, which is so important. Children are only able to return to school 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. If your child is off for this reason, you only have to let us know if this is going to be for longer than this period. Thank you.

Smart Watches

Please remember that these are not appropriate for school. As many have a camera feature, I know you will understand that this is not something we can have on our premises, for all kinds of reasons. Any kind of watch that counts steps, etc. is fine, but these are your child's responsibility. Thank you for your support.

Monday After School

There is a funeral taking place at Euxton Parish Church on Monday at 2.45pm. Many people are expected to attend and we would like you to be aware that the car parks will probably still be busy school pick up time. Thank you for your kind co-operation with this.

Tennis Club

John Chatterley is once again running a tennis breakfast club after half-term for Y1-Y6. A letter has been sent home tonight. Please return the slip as soon as possible. Thank you.

Holiday Clubs for the half-term holidays:

Blackburn Rovers FC Soccer Camp

This takes place at Balshaw's High School, Leyland from 21st-25th October and is open to boys and girls aged 7-13. For further details please contact Blackburn Rovers on 01254 508256 (9am-9pm Mon-Fri) or email enquiries@brfctrust.co.uk or visit their website www.brfctrust.co.uk.

Chorley FC Soccer School

This takes place at Parklands High School from 22nd-25th October for boys and girls aged 5-12 years old and costs £40 for the 4 days or £15 daily. To book or for more information please call David Murgatroyd on 07804 145055 or email davidmurgatroyd5@gmail.com

Fun Fest Chorley Holiday Club

This takes place at Euxton Primrose School from 21st-25th October and is open to children aged 3-12 from 8am to 6pm. Full and half days offered and payment can be made with Childcare Vouchers. For more details visit www.fun-fest.co.uk or call Leanne on 01257 447488 or 07947 883146.

And Finally....

Thank you to Willow Cross from Year 4 for our joke this week:

I'll tell you what's a rip off?

What?

Velcro!

Thank you Willow - a great joke! Please remember to send your jokes in to me, I need 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