



Euxton Church of England Primary School



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

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Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: the whole class

Year 1: Isabella

Year 2: Jack S

Year 3: Jack

Year 4: William

Year 5: Aidan

Year 6: Isla-Mai, Thomas & Charlie R

Well done to you all and I know you will continue to SHINE!

Farewell

This week we said a fond farewell to Miss Lewis and Mrs Rowan. We will miss both members of staff very much. A big thank you to them both for so many years of dedication, supporting children with their learning and being great colleagues to work with. They will always be part of our special school family.



GROOVE Day

Everyone had a great PE day celebrating the art of dance on Thursday. Miss Anna was very impressed by the wonderful talent, exceptional behaviour and all round great enthusiasm shown throughout the day!



Leavers Disco

Y4, Y5 and Y6 had a terrific tropical time at last night's disco. A great evening to celebrate Y6! Thank you to the PTFA for organising this fun evening for the children.



Online safety

This week's online safety poster refers to the use of hurtful and provocative comments through 'online trolling' and shares advice on how to deal with this form of online abuse.

Message from School Office

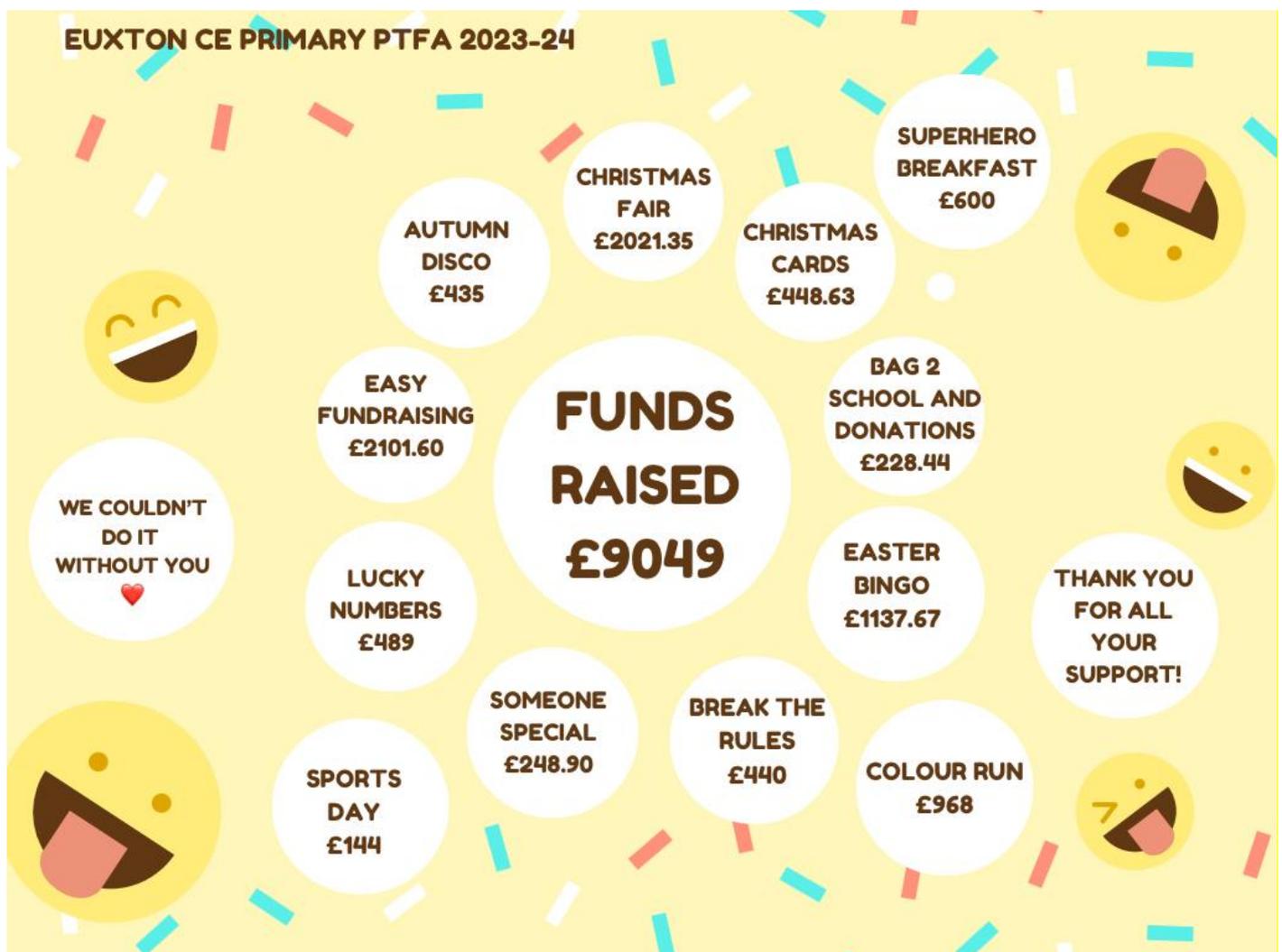
Final reminder for parents to check their balances in ParentPay and settle any outstanding balances before the last day of term. Year 6 parents please could you be mindful that your balances need to be cleared before the end of term, remembering not to send Mrs Ormes more OSC vouchers than necessary as these can't be refunded (Mrs Ormes has messaged you about this directly). Any outstanding ParentPay Y6 balances will be passed to siblings if they have one in school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this. Mrs Hodges and Mrs Ormes.



PTFA meeting

Last Friday's Colour Run raised a staggering £968! Thank you to all who joined in and a special thank you to Utility Group who kindly sponsored the event which meant that school benefits from all the profits.

The events this year have raised an incredible amount of money which has funded a variety of school projects and resources which every child has benefited from e.g. school trips, history timeline, school map, Reception bags, RE murals, non-fiction books and magazines, First News newspapers, laptops and i-pads.



Thank you to everyone who joined the PTFA meeting on Monday. Unfortunately, Helena will be standing down as PTFA Chair at the end of term. Helena has been a fantastic support to school in this position. She always has a smile on her face and the best interests of the children at the heart of any decision making. We thank her for all her time and dedication to support fundraising opportunities for school.

As a result, we now have 2 vacancies starting in September - a **Chair and Vice Chair** of our wonderful PTFA team. I know so many people enjoy the wonderful experiences the team offer our school community and it is really important that we keep the legacy of the PTFA going. If anyone is interested in taking on either of these roles, please contact either myself or Emma Garbutt (PTFA Secretary). Our PTFA team are very experienced, organised and share responsibilities when running events - so it's not all down to one person. If you would like to make a difference to enhance our children's education, please join and consider taking one of the roles. Thank you - it would mean so much to so many!

School Meal Increase from September

School meals for KS2 children (Y3-6) will increase to **£2.70** per day from 1st September. They remain free for infant children (YR, Y1 and Y2). If your child is currently in Y2, they will be charged for a school meal as they join the juniors in Y3. If you would like your Y3 child in September to bring their own packed lunch into school please inform Mrs Ormes (a.ormes@euxton.lancs.sch.uk) before the end of term.

Earrings

It is important that ear-piercing is **ONLY** carried out in the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed for PE and swimming lessons. If you intend for your child to have their ears pierced, please ensure that this takes place at the start of the summer break so that they are healed by the start of Autumn term. Please ensure your child is confident to take out their own earrings. Thank you.

Churchyard Clean Up Day this Saturday



The flyer features a logo for Euxton Parish Church on the left, which includes a stylized archway with a cross. To the right of the logo, the text reads "Churchyard Clean Up Day" in a large green font, followed by "Saturday 13th July, 10am - 1pm" in a smaller green font. Below this, there is a photograph of the church building and its surrounding churchyard. To the right of the photo, there is a list of instructions: "Please come along! Bring your gloves & garden hand tools. Refreshments provided." Below the text are icons for a wheelbarrow, a pair of green gloves, and a shovel. At the bottom of the flyer, it says "Help us keep our churchyard clean and welcoming for all visitors."

Saturday 13th July, 10am-1pm, church grounds

Euxton Parish Church are looking to transform the churchyard for the upcoming summer months and ensure it is clean, tidy and welcoming for all their visitors.

Any help from all ages and abilities will be most welcome and appreciated. From edging, pruning, sweeping and general tidying, there is a job for everyone! Please just turn up, with your gardening gloves and any hand tools. Thank you!

Euxton Parish Church Youth Group

Youth Group are running some fun activities over the summer for anyone going into years 6-11. There is a walk up Rivington Pike, games on the church lawn, and a pizza night. For all the details and to book in please see: https://www.euxtonparishchurch.org/Articles/638600/Summer_Socials_2024.aspx If you have any questions, contact euxton.youth@gmail.com and see attached flyers. Thank you Rev. Amy Bland 07721 887924.

Parent parking

A reminder to please be extremely mindful when parking on local residential roads before and after school. Unfortunately, I have received another two complaints last Friday about cars blocking people's driveways on Crofters Green and Vicarage Close. As you can imagine this is very upsetting for the residents as they are unable to access or leave their own homes. Parking on both sides of a narrow road would mean that emergency vehicles would not be able to pass if required. The local police have been notified by residents and we have asked them to support by patrolling the area to assist with this issue. St. Mary's has also been notified and we are working together to raise awareness. Thank you for your support and consideration for our local residents.

Please can parents remember to only use the school drive for club pick up - **only after 4.45pm** and drive slowly up towards school for safety reasons, with people coming to and from school exits. Please also share this important safety information with anyone responsible for collecting children on your behalf. Thank you.



Euxton Factor & non-uniform day

This week, each class held their Euxton factor auditions. Well done to all of the children who auditioned for their class. Two acts from each class have been chosen to perform on Wednesday afternoon for the rest of the school. If your child has been chosen, you will receive a message with further details. The finals of the Euxton Factor will take place on **Wednesday 17th July** at 2pm. We can't wait to see all of the talents we have in school! Wednesday will also be a non-uniform day to raise money for Rainbow Hub. Children can bring in a £1 donation to wear colourful, rainbow non-uniform to support this special school for children with disabilities.

Other final week of term key dates:

Monday 15th - Rock Steady performance 9.30am for parents of pupils involved.

Monday 15th - Last rounders club of the year.

Tuesday 16th July - Papa's Pizzas Y6 treat for lunch in school.

Wednesday 17th July - Leaver's Lunch.

Thursday 18th July - End of school year and toy day. Children can bring a toy/game into school to share with friends. Please make sure these are not valuable toys and not an electronic device. There will be a Y6 Awards Assembly at 9.05am - Y6 parents welcome. School will finish at 1.30pm. Please note, there is no ASC on this day.



BMX Success

Well done to our brilliant biker in Y6 who made the BMX finals last Friday and achieved 3rd place. Overall, he has finished the season in 6th place in the UK and will be going to Copenhagen for Great Britain. A fantastic sporting achievement!



Finally, I can't end the newsletter without mentioning the football! I know many of you will be cheering on the England football team for the final match of Euro 2024. We understand there may be some tired children on Monday if it goes to extra time and dare I say it... penalties! Enjoy the match, have a great weekend and let's cross everything for the win. 😊

Best wishes,

Mrs Mairi Ash
Headteacher

In our Christian family, we all SHINE in the light of Jesus.
Wisdom Compassion Humility Friendship Peace Trust Forgiveness Hope

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE TROLLING

The term "trolling" refers to sending hurtful or provocative comments – often done anonymously online – to provoke a reaction or cause emotional distress. Anonymity can embolden people into saying things they wouldn't dare say in person. Euro 2024 and other tournaments tend to put an emphasis on this, with the abuse of both players and fans often increasing during such events.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ESCALATION

Many trolls begin with silly, banal comments before moving on to a broader pattern of offensive messages and posts. They can also turn their attention very quickly to a new target if they grow bored with an existing one, which makes engaging with one fruitless at best – and potentially dangerous at worst.

HIDING BEHIND A SCREEN

Because trolls tend to use anonymous profiles, they enjoy a lack of accountability. This also means they'll often have multiple profiles, potentially switching between them regularly or posting across several of them at the same time, making a target feel as though there's no escape. After all, once you block one account, what's to stop them reappearing elsewhere?

24/7 CONTACT

The internet has given us the ability to remain in contact at any time, from almost anywhere in the world. A troll having the ability to reach you whenever they want can leave you feeling like their abuse is unavoidable. While they don't see you in real life, they can message you at any time, reach out to your peers online and even try to discover your personal information to scare you.

HATE SPEECH

Sadly, many trolls resort to spewing racial slurs, homophobic attacks and awful stereotypes, as these often stand the best chance of causing emotional harm. This can add a hefty degree of weight to their attacks, moving from what might charitably be described as "teasing" into a genuine hate crime. After Euro 2020, three England footballers were racially abused, resulting in several prison sentences.

IMPACT ON VICTIMS

It's not uncommon for the victims of trolls to shut down their accounts, disappear from public life, and try to stay out of the crosshairs for a time – with some even leaving social media forever. This can have a severe impact on children and young people's connections to friends and the world at large, and may not even actually stop the troll. The victims' families, for example, may have online profiles that trolls can still access.

NORMALISATION OF TROLLING

It is, regrettably, inevitable that some people will go too far in their criticisms or comments, both online and in the real world. This can lead to many people seeing trolls and their abuse as part and parcel of social media – an inherent risk of interacting with others online. This doesn't mean, however, that it should be considered "normal" or even tolerated.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media platforms (where most trolling tends to happen) aren't always helpful when responding to abusive behaviour, parents can set up screen time limits, so children only get to use certain apps at certain times. There's always the potential for trolling to occur anyway – such as friends showing screenshots to one another – but this would minimise the likelihood of children seeing it.

DON'T ENGAGE WITH ABUSE

A well-known adage on social media is "don't feed the trolls". Fundamentally, if a child identifies a potential troll online, it's best not to engage with that individual directly. Instead, consider setting up a log to gather evidence for reporting them later on, including screenshots and quotes where possible.

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

While every professional athlete aspires to maintain high standards, it's important to separate the player from the person. A player's performance doesn't make them worthy of abuse, and that can often be forgotten by younger children who simply see the colour of the shirt without considering the person wearing it. For all the rivalries between teams, it's essential children understand that players are still human beings, with families and lives outside of sport.

BLOCK AND REPORT

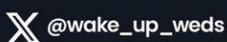
While anonymous accounts make it difficult to block trolls permanently – or even for very long – it's still good practice to help children learn to control who can engage with them online. It's not worth "feeding the trolls", and it's more helpful to block them, report them, and try to move on. Blocking and reporting is an anonymous process, too, so there'll be no indication of who specifically blew the whistle.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A long-time fan of Arsenal, he's a parent who understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer whose work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.



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Youth Group Summer Socials



**FOR ANYONE GOING
INTO YEAR 6-11**

Walk up Rivington Pike 14th Aug 5.30-8pm

Outdoor Games 21st Aug 6-8pm

Pizza and games 8th Sep 6.30-8pm



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