



Euxton Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to our Euxton Superstars this week:

Reception: Harriet Sewell

Year 1: Charlie Pilkington

Year 2: Isla Cooper

Year 3: Kai Bowyer

Year 4: Lucas McGovern

Year 5: Alfie Coates

Year 6: Edward Kearney

Well done to you all!

School Adviser and School Improvement Plan

We have a new School Adviser, Mr Paul Duckworth, who has recently visited school. He was delighted with what he saw and his report stated:

- *The school was calm and well-ordered.*
- *The school is a high quality learning environment (inside and out) and has high quality displays which celebrate the children's work and provide detailed and accurate information/knowledge to support learning*
- *The children were very settled*
- *Adults were very carefully deployed*
- *The ethos of the school shines through*

This was so lovely to hear and is testament to the hard work and dedication of all the team here.

Please find attached an information sheet which has been written to give you an overview of our School Improvement plan for 2020/2021. This is to keep you informed about some of the things we will be working hard to achieve this year. I hope you find it useful.

Non-Uniform Day for Action Aid - Tuesday 20th October

As most of you know, although our new families won't, we sponsor a child, Saisa, through Action Aid and around this time of year have a non-uniform day and ask for £1 from each child as a contribution to this cause. Saisa is an 9 year old boy from Kenya and we receive regular updates from and about him, which are shared with the children, and placed on the display in the entrance area. Therefore, **Tuesday 20th October will be a non-uniform day (£1 donation per child if you feel able to).**

There will be a bucket to place your donation in at the gate where I stand each morning, or in the entrances of Breakfast Club, so as to avoid touching anything. The coins will then be left for a couple of days to quarantine before banking and sending to Action Aid. I will remind you nearer the time. Thank you, as always, for your amazing support.

What will happen if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school?

We are all prepared for the time when we need to close a class bubble. I've used the word 'when' as I really do not see it being an 'if'. I have reattached the home learning overview letter I sent home last month and would just like to reiterate that the teachers really are all happy to help throughout the time your child may need to remain at home. The phone calls home have established a relationship between home and school so early into the school year so please feel free to email them should you have the need to. Sending classes home could come at any time. We could be notified of a confirmed case in the evening so be able to pre-warn for the day ahead, but I know many schools where the notification has come during the school day. Should that happen, you will receive a text message requesting you to collect your child as soon as you possibly and **safely** can. We will talk through this with the children in a sensitive way and keep them all together until they can be collected. It is worth having a plan in your head should this happen and I know it is something I am having to consider too at the moment in terms of my own children. I know you all understand there is currently nothing we can do except manage things on a day to day basis, but as you know we have introduced many measures, going above and beyond but without causing alarm, to keep us all as safe as possible. Thank you for the part you are playing in this too.

Isolating

Thank you for taking the guidance so seriously. In summary, taken from NHS advice, **you must self-isolate immediately if:**

- you have any [symptoms of coronavirus](#) (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you've tested positive for coronavirus - this means you have coronavirus
- anyone in your household has had a test and you are awaiting results
- you live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- [you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace](#)
- you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk - see [GOV.UK: how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK](#)

In terms of school life, you must **NOT** send your child into school if **anyone** in your house has symptoms. A test should be booked as soon as possible and once this decision has been made then all members of the household must remain at home until the test result has been processed. Should the test be negative then your child can return to school **if they are well enough and not displaying symptoms**. Advice about whether your child can return to school must be followed. If you have more than one child, then **NONE** of them can return to school until the test has been carried out, even if they appear to be fine. As I have said before, children will naturally get what they normally get at this time of year so should they not be suffering from those three main symptoms then they should be ok to come into school. If you are ever in doubt then please contact school before sending your child in to school.

Open Day 2020

If you know anyone who is interested in their child joining our school in **Reception 2021**, please guide them to our website, which has a separate 'Open Day 2020' page. The page is now full of information about our school, including some lovely videos. The link to the page is here...

<https://www.euxtonceprimary.co.uk/open-day-2020/>

Please have a look and also share anything with any prospective parents you may know. The Open Day 2020 video has been produced to capture the lovely, warm atmosphere of our school. I hope you enjoy watching it.

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. The closing dates are as follows:

Secondary (Y7 in Sept 2021) - 31st October 2020

Primary (Reception in Sept 2021) - 15th January 2021

Nasal Flu Spray

Here is the link again for you to give permission (or not) for this to be administered by the school health team on Wednesday 11th November. Please do try to click the link asap. Thank you.

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=119473&Type=FLU>

'Welcome' Mrs Graham and 'Goodbye' to Mrs Fishwick

It has been lovely to welcome a new member of staff to our Welfare team at lunchtimes. Mrs Roxanne Graham has made a wonderful start and we are delighted that she has joined us.

Sadly, Mrs Fishwick will be leaving us next Friday. She has been a valued member of our team for almost twenty years and will be sadly missed by us all. Sue has played such an important role in supporting staff, children and families throughout her time at our school, which has been greatly appreciated. We wish her the very best for the future and hope to see her soon.

Holiday Dates 2021-2022

The holiday dates for our next academic year, 2021-2022, were finalised at our Governing Body meeting earlier this week. These are attached to our newsletter today and are now on our website. Please take notice of these when considering holidays. Being in school is really important and missing any education or aspect of the social side of school should be carefully considered. Please note, our summer half-term break in 2022 will be for **two** weeks.

Outdoor Areas

We are having some work done over the next few weeks to improve our outdoor areas. The Reception and Y1 outdoor areas will be expanded and revamped, as will the area as you enter OSC outside the main entrance. There will inevitably be some changes as to how you drop off and pick up your child, but I will let you know once this has been finalised. We are looking forward to these being completed and new outdoor furniture added in the coming months.

Bag2School

The PTFA have arranged a Bag2School collection for Wednesday 4th November. For new parents this is the chance to have a good sort out of clothes, bedding, handbags, curtains and shoes, pop it all in a bag (these were distributed this week) and bring it all into school on the 4th November outside Year 2 and the company collects it all from us, weighs it and leaves us with a cheque. It really is a good way to have a good clear out and also raise funds for school. Any bin bag can be used, it doesn't need to be the official Bag2School one. Thank you again for your support.

PTFA Christmas Card Orders

You will have all received your order form for Christmas cards this week. Please place orders on line before the deadline for free delivery to school of Tuesday 27th October (Tuesday of half term).

Thank you.

And Finally....

Thank you to Benjamin Leap from Year 2 for our joke/riddle this week:

Q. What has 99 keys but can't open doors?

A. A piano

Thank you Benjamin - good thinking! Remember to send your jokes in to me.

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