



# Euxton Church of England Primary School



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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents,

## **Euxton Superstars!**

Congratulations to our Euxton Superstars this week:

**Reception: Florence Booth**

**Year 1: The Whole Class**

**Year 2: Jessica Wild**

**Year 3: Charlotte Huggan**

**Year 4: Isabella Jameson**

**Year 5: Bailey Bullock**

**Year 6: Gracie Hibberd**

Well done to you all!

## **Bronze Award**

The following children were presented with a Bronze Award in Celebration Worship. Well done Libby Walmsley, Lucy Ford, Thomas Palmer, Aidan Scott, Bethany Hall, Imogen Ibell and Oliver Smith.

## **Mr Price**

It is so lovely to be able to share happy news with you all and I am delighted to let you know that Mr Price became a Dad in the early hours of this morning. Baby Price wasn't due to make an arrival for another 6 weeks, but Sophia Rose just couldn't wait! Both baby and mum are well and we are looking forward to hearing more about Sophia and meeting her over the coming weeks. We send our love and wish Lee, Natasha and Sophia the very best at this incredibly special time.

## **Year 1 Closure**

As you know, we had to ask our Year 1 class on Monday, to work from home for the next two weeks. I thought it important to tell you all this news, even if it didn't directly impact your child. Firstly, and most importantly, all are well. Thank you to all of our Y1 families for their understanding at such short notice. As some families arrived as the message was being sent it was so hard to send children home, especially those who had siblings that we were still able to have in school. However, every single parent showed their support, and this is appreciated so much. Throughout the week, Mrs Obertelli has managed the situation incredibly well and we have been able to get together each day, via Zoom, for a worship and activities. Mrs Price and Mr Shone have been joining in too, which has been lovely. We have come a long way since the Spring and feel able to offer this collaborative aspect now, balancing any risks with how important it is for our school family. This is very different to being able to teach lessons, however daily work has been set and handouts delivered wherever necessary. Thankfully this case hasn't had an impact on any other classes, which is very pleasing indeed. **Please keep vigilant in all you do and seek advice should you be concerned about whether your child should be in school or not.** Children only need to be tested if they have any of those three main symptoms, and results seem to be coming back a lot quicker, which is positive. Thank you once again for all your support.

### Friends of Mikoroshoni [www.mikoroshoniprimaryschool.org.uk](http://www.mikoroshoniprimaryschool.org.uk)

We are delighted to let you know that we have a new partner school, in Kenya, called Mikoroshoni Primary School. Their headteacher is called Joshua Kadenge and he is also the local pastor. Mikoroshoni Primary School is very special because it is funded by a grassroots charity in the UK, called Friends of Mikoroshoni.' 98% of funds they receive go straight to the school, allowing children from some of the poorest villages to receive an education. Together we will share how we learn, play and work as a community in each of our schools. Thank you so much to Mrs MacDonald for all her hard work in organising this.

### Remembrance

Our whole school beautifully observed the two minute silence on Wednesday, in Remembrance of all those who fought so bravely for us all. It was lovely to have all who were in school together for this on our playground, in their class bubbles. We had also thought about the lovely things we are able to do with our family and friends as we have our freedom. Y6 lay a special homemade wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of school as part of their Evacuee Day, where they were visited by an ARP Warden. They had a great day.

### Nasal Flu vaccinations

If you gave consent for your child to have the nasal spray on Wednesday and they were in school, then you will know by now that this took place. For all those children not in school on Wednesday, there will be a 'catch up' session by the school health team. As soon as we have the date from them we will let you know - it is usually in two or three weeks. If you didn't give consent and would like your child to have the spray please contact Mrs Hodges in the office who will send you the relevant paper form home to sign. The link is no longer open. Thank you.

### Children in Need - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you so much for your donations today. I will let you know how much was sent to Children in Need on your behalf as soon as we have counted the money on Monday. The whole school, in their rooms, had great fun in doing the special 'Joe Wicks' session that was on this morning. I could hear laughter from every room, which was lovely.

### Odd Socks Day - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Please remember it is Odd Socks Day on Monday! Anti-Bullying Week happens in schools across England each November. This year's Anti-Bullying Week is from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. We would like to take part and discuss this theme in school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November and ask that the children come to school wearing **odd socks** to help raise awareness of bullying. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun and is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! Thank you for your support.

### Euxton Virtual Fun Run

Thank you once again to all who have been involved in our Virtual Fun Run! Please can all monies raised be sent in by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** at the latest. Don't forget to send your sponsorship form into school or you can email it to [ptfatreasurereuxton@yahoo.com](mailto:ptfatreasurereuxton@yahoo.com). **The sponsor form is required to claim Gift Aid.** Sponsorship money can be sent in cash to the school office (in a sealed envelope), directly into the PTFA bank account **05-03-70 43584182** or via cheque made payable to 'Euxton CE Primary School PTFA'. Please can you make sure you **reference** your family name or a running number. Thank you!

## Diwali

It was lovely to welcome Prags back into school this week, to explore Diwali with all of our children. Y1 accessed this via Zoom! We all enjoyed our vegetable samosa and sweet candy treats too!

## PTFA Christmas!

**More details to follow on all of these**, but here is an overview of what the PTFA are planning on doing to celebrate the festivities:

	Activity	Details	Date
1	Christmas Scene Prize Entry for Christmas Hamper	Each entry £1 with scene in shoe box handed in. 1 raffle ticket given to each entry for a draw into a Christmas Chocolate Hamper. <b>FLYER ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER TODAY.</b> This will be discussed in school next week.	16 <sup>th</sup> November Closing date: 7 <sup>th</sup> December
2	'Virtual' Father Christmas	Via Zoom. Time to be confirmed.	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
3	Non-uniform day	Donations of chocolate for our festive bingo, <i>if you feel able to contribute.</i> These will be placed in a box as you enter school.	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
4	Christmas Bingo	Via Zoom - potentially 2 nights. £1 charge per bingo book. Prizes from non-uniform day.	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> and/or Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> December (TBC)
5	Jolly Jumper Day	Normal uniform, but wear a Christmas jumper! £2 per child and a lucky dip prize! <i>(all children will receive a gift regardless of whether or not a donation is brought in)</i>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
6	Christmas Scene Prize Draw	Drawn in Worship and handed out at school.	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> December

We appreciate times may be hard for some of our families, so please only donate if you feel in a position to do so. I will let you know some of our Christmas plans as soon as we have finalised these. Thank you.

## Christmas Cards

For obvious reasons we won't be able to do Christmas Cards the same as we have in previous years. However, if your child wants to write or make a Christmas card for their whole class and bring it in then that will be fine. These can then be put up in each room. Thank you for your understanding.

## Euxton Parish Church Promises Auction

This is now live! The 'Auction of Promises' is to raise the vast amount they need to repair the roof. More details can be found on the church website or visit the following link

<https://www.facebook.com/Euxtonparishchurcauction> if you would like to know more. I'm on there offering to clean your car, assisted by my Ethan, if you would like to bid on it!

### **Admissions - Primary Places**

You can now apply via [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://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 date is:  
**Primary (Reception in Sept 2021) - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

### **Yarrow Teaching Alliance**

We are proud to be part of the Yarrow Teaching School Alliance. If you are interested in becoming a teacher, or know anyone who is, then the information below may be useful.

Yarrow Teaching School  
Alliance  
Open Event:  
Tuesday 1st December 7pm



This Autumn, with face to face open evenings not possible, the Yarrow Teaching School Alliance invite you to a zoom open event. Have questions about our Initial Teacher Training Course answered, meet the team and see an Alliance school. email [a.hitchen@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.hitchen@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk) to RSVP and receive log in details

### **Use of the School Drive**

Please remember, for the safety of the school families of both schools, that the drive should not be used at the start or end of the school day. After school club collections are fine after 4:45pm and collecting and dropping off for appointments in the school day are permissible after 9:15am and up to 3:00pm. Thank you.

### **School Staff**

Thank you once again to all our staff team, who are working so hard in tricky circumstances. School really is such a lovely place and we are all doing our very best to create this wonderful learning environment. It is a delight to see so many happy faces each day. Thank you for your support.

### **And Finally....**

Thank you to Milly McDonnell from Year 2 for our joke this week:

**Q. What are a ghosts favourite streets?**

**A. Dead Ends!**

Thank you Milly - a great joke! 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