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Dear Parents,

Silver Awards

The following children were presented with a Silver Award in Celebration Worship. Well done **Hannah Hall, Edward Kearney, Michael Stringfellow, Hannah Martin, Toby McKenzie, Louis Crake, Joshua Garrett** and **Olivia Ainsworth**.

Gold Awards

Congratulations to **Alice Carver, Ella Critchley, Iona Jones, Hugo Marwood** and **Lucy Wild** on achieving their Gold Award's this year.

Goodbye Year 6

We will miss our amazing Year 6 children so much. We think they are all fantastic, each and every one of them. In such a difficult year, in so many ways, they have been outstanding role models and helped me enormously by being the stars that they are. Keep shining Year 6! What wonderful, supportive families too, it's not a coincidence the children are lovely. For those families who are also leaving us, 'thank you' from us all. Please keep in touch. We look forward to hearing all about all your achievements. Good luck in High School!

Year 6 Awards

Well done to the following children, who received awards this week:

Endeavour: Nathaniel Wallace

Attainment: Ysobel Baumber

Christian Values: Thomas Kemsley

Sue Dean Writing Award: Joshua Sendall

Musical Excellence: Ben Smith

Sporting Attitude: Grace Kendall

Fastest Sprint: Daniel McErlain-Hargreaves

Well done to **ALL** our Y6 children, we wish we had 30 trophies, as you are all amazing in your own way!

Mrs Faulkner

We are going to miss Mrs Faulkner very much as she leaves us to enjoy her retirement from full time employment! I know she will be back to see us from time to time, which is lovely. Cath truly has been an asset to our school. She has worked so hard over the years and given so much back. She has time for everyone and always keeps an eye out for children regardless of which class they are in. As a colleague she is extremely giving and will do anything for anyone. It is now time for a proper rest and we wish her the very best for the future. Thank you Mrs Faulkner!

School Council Bake Sale

Thank you so much to our School Council for organising the bake sale, and for all your support. A fantastic **£75** was raised.

Staffing News

It has been lovely having Mrs Wiles back with us, and she has had a lovely time in Reception, getting to know her new class. We have two new members of support staff starting with us in September. I will 'introduce' them to you after our summer break - I know they will both be an asset to our school. We have also said 'goodbye' to Mrs Graham, one of our Welfare Assistants this week. We wish her well in her new full-time role.

Farewell Chimmy and Chinani

We are really sad to be saying 'goodbye' to Chimmy and Chinani today. The family are relocating and we wish all the Ogaziechi's the very best. Their new school is so lucky to be getting them!

Euxton St Mary's

Mrs Grice, the Headteacher of Euxton St. Mary's, is retiring today. We have worked together extremely well over the years, which has been strengthened even further as a result of the pandemic. I know many of our parents got to know her over this time. We wish Anne all the very best for her retirement and a well-earned rest! Mrs Almond and Mrs Gillibrand from the office, also retire today too. We also wish them every happiness for the future. We look forward to working alongside the new headteacher, Mrs Noblet, and welcoming her to our unique school community!

PE Kit from September

Please remember that the children will need to have their PE kit in school, from September, which is a **plain white t-shirt, black shorts and pumps**. They will wear this for one of their PE lessons. For the other lesson, each class will have a designated sporty day, as they have been doing this year. On their Sporty Day, they are to wear: a **plain white t-shirt; black or blue** bottoms (black/blue) and a **black or blue** top/jumper/zip-up (as plain as possible). We will let you know, when we get back, the day that their 'Sporty Day' will be. Thank you.

September...

What will September look like? I'm not 100% sure, if I'm totally honest with you. As I write this, **the plan** is for school to return to pretty much what it looked like pre-Covid, although this could change:

- We will revert back to our normal start and finish times. School starts at **8:55am** but you may 'drop off and go' anytime between **8:45-8:55am**. School will finish for all children at **3:30pm**.
- Mask wearing will no longer be a requirement, but I envisage that some adults may still want to wear these. That is fine too, we must all respect that we are all going to be at different stages and have our own views. I'm also sure that as a result of the last 16 months, we will all socially distance that little bit more than we used to - there's nothing wrong with giving each other personal space!
- We will be keeping some changes, eg. hand sanitising, sporty clothes day, split breaks, designated areas in the hall, simply because they have worked really well.
- We would love to be able to welcome parents back into school, for worship, etc. Obviously, this will depend on where we are at the time.

These are just some of the headlines. I'll no doubt be writing to you all towards the end of August, and I'm also sure the news will include lots of information too, especially about what is going to happen with any cases from September onwards. I'm not going to second guess too much, so I will be in touch when I feel able to finalise things.

Lucky Numbers

Congratulations to Mrs Angela Ball, who has won the bumper £50 prize!

THANK YOU!

We made it. **Together** we made it. Once again, our school family has come together in ways we would never have even dreamt would have been needed a year or so ago.

Thank you.... for supporting us every step of the way.

Thank you.... for reading the huge amounts of information that I've sent to you - the letters, newsletters, updates, risk assessments, emails and texts.

Thank you.... for following the advice that was presented to you. When we started wearing face coverings on the yard, before other schools had introduced this, you didn't question it, you supported us. When we took temperatures every morning as an extra safety measure and had to request that a number of children needed to go for PCR tests, you did this without hesitation, for us all.

Thank you.... for doing an amazing job with the home learning. We fully appreciate the implications of doing this whilst many of you also had your own work and family commitments.

Thank you.... for following procedures when someone in your family was poorly or displaying symptoms. This helped keep as many children and staff in school as possible. We are incredibly thankful to have only had so few bubble closures all year.

Thank you.... that if your child did test positive, you had followed everything to the letter so that isolation was as short as possible or it didn't impact on class bubbles at all.

Thank you.... for being you, which allowed us to be able to come up with safe ways of being as 'normal' as possible, eg. Sports Day, Y6 Leaver's Presentations, etc. due to your responsible attitudes.

Thank you.... for not giving me too much grief when I didn't let you have a lie in after the footy!

Thank you to the most incredible staff team for truly acting as a family throughout the last year, keeping an eye out for each other when natural anxiety was evident, and celebrating together when the vaccine rollout headed our way. Thank you for the new technology skills they magically processed which made home learning so strong and more importantly kept the children 'together' whilst apart.

And finally...thank you to our phenomenal children. Their ability to adapt, their strength and resilience, their friendship, their hard work, their outstanding behaviour, their humour and their smiles. **Thank you.**



PTFA

Thank you so much, as always, to our PTFA, who have raised (with all your support) a phenomenal **£5,500** for our school! This is amazing, especially given the circumstances we have all found ourselves in. We have such a dedicated team, we appreciate them all so much. Please see the attached flyer for a breakdown of all they have raised, and how they have supported us. Thank you!

Holiday Homework

This is totally optional, but the staff have produced and emailed you some ideas for work to do at home over the holidays. There really is no expectation to do these, but may be worth a look. The best holiday homework is to have as much fun as possible and a good rest!

IMPORTANT - Symptoms, COVID Testing and Possible Isolation Periods

Please remember to let me know **directly** by emailing me on head@euxton.lancs.sch.uk if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms over the weekend. Should the outcome of this be a positive result then I may need to get in touch with families requesting their child isolates up to 10 days. Hopefully this will be the last time I need to do this, I'll be honest with you, I won't miss checking! Thank you.

Summer Holidays!

I wish you all the loveliest summer, whatever you will be up to. Talking with the children, there will be a lot of exploring the UK over the coming weeks! A summer break is needed, but we are all looking forward to a new start in the new school year. School starts back, for Y1-Y6 children, on **Wednesday 1st September**, and we will be welcoming our new Reception children in on the Thursday.

And Finally....

Thank you to Olivia Downey from Year 3 for our joke this week:

Q. What is a penguin's favourite programme?

A. Dancing on Ice!

Thank you Olivia - a great joke! Please remember to save all those jokes for me!

Take care,

Mr Nick Ward,
Headteacher

Some photos of our Celebration Worship this morning...



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

Wisdom Compassion Humility Friendship Peace Trust Forgiveness Hope