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Dear Parents,

Worship and Superstars

It was lovely to have our Celebration Worship all together in the hall this morning, with families present. It was quite an emotional moment, after 18 months. We look forward to these continuing! Next week we will be presenting our first Superstar Certificates. If your child has been chosen to be class Superstar then a letter will be coming your way tonight - very exciting! Instead of the children sitting at a top-table for lunch, I am going to invite all the Superstars to have juice, biscuits and a chat with me on a Friday afternoon, and ask them to bring their wonderful work to share! It is something I have wanted to do for a while but not been possible with the bubbles we had in place. Our Reception and Y6 Worship outside yesterday was lovely and it was great to have so many of our families share this with us. We were very lucky with the weather too!

Welcome

We have welcomed a new girl into Year 1 this week. The children and staff have made her very welcome and she has made a wonderful start to school life! We have also welcomed Miss Ryles to school. Michelle is a student teacher and will be with us 4 days a week until February, supporting the children and building up her teaching expertise. She is already proving to be an asset to our school and we are very lucky to have her.

Volunteers

We are now in a position to welcome volunteers back into school to support us with our children's learning. If you would like to be involved then please just email me, give me a ring or have a chat on the gate. We always need people to help with readers throughout school, which may be parents or grandparents. Our volunteers are such an important part of our school family. If you feel you could offer any other expertise, eg. music, gardening, etc. then please let me know. Thank you.

Bishop Philip

We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Philip into school on Tuesday morning. He will be leading whole school worship, and then having a tour of school. Bishop Philip will then be having Question and Answer sessions in Year 4, 5 and 6. I am sure he will love it here!

Musical Success

Congratulations to Zea Callander (flute) , Alfie Coates (saxophone) and Nathan Parker (baritone) who passed their grade 2 exams in the summer term. Thank you also to Mr Ogden for their tuition.

School Photographs

Adam, our photographer, will be in school next **Wednesday 15th** to take individual/sibling photographs.

PE and PE Kits

The children had wonderful lessons with Mr B! Thank you for your support in having a PE kit in school and the children coming in to school in sporty clothes on their designated day. Please remember, Sporty Clothes day is a plain white t-shirt, and the children should have black or blue bottoms and a black or blue top to go over their t-shirt if needed. Please make sure these are as plain as possible too. Thank you.

School Council - Collection for Afghanistan and Litter Picking!

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity once more, and to our school council for their organisation this week. My car was jam packed and I took all your donations to a drop-off point in Aughton. These are now heading their way to those in need, and this has been very much appreciated. The school council ventured out into the community to do some litter picking this lunchtime, as part of an initiative from Inspire Schools. Well done!

Helen O'Grady Drama

We have once again been given a 'Golden Ticket' from Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, which gives one of our children a free MONTH of drama sessions at one of their local academies. Please email me if you are interested in having this for your child by this Monday. If there are a number of interested children, we will draw out of a hat. Good luck!

Summer Library Challenge

A message from Kath at Euxton Library:

Please remember that the children have until the beginning of October to complete their SCART challenge. The scheme is built around the same principles of SCART Club, being SCIENCE, CULTURE, ACTIVE, READING and TECHNOLOGY (known as the Scart zones). Children taking part will need to complete a task for each of these 5 sections, as well as reading a book for each. Tasks are suggested on the activity card, but these are only a guide and we would be happy to see participating children create their own tasks. The prizes are "pop badges", as well as a lanyard and library card holder.

There are 3 pop badges to collect:

- *Imagination - for completing the ACTIVE and CULTURE sections*
- *Invention - for completing the SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY sections*
- *Reading - for completing the READING section*

PTFA Used Good Quality Uniform

As you may be aware, if your child has grown out of good quality school jumpers, polo shirts and jackets (not grey items) you are able to hand it in at the school office and we pass it over to Lesley Deacon, (Isla's Mum Y5) who sells it on behalf of the PTFA. Lesley is drowning in uniform and is appealing for items to be purchased from her. Jumpers £1, polo shirts 50p. These are amazing value and saves them going to landfill. Please email Lesley on euxtoncofeschooluniform@yahoo.co.uk to make any requests for uniform and she will drop it off at the school office and payment can be made that way also. Thank you.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Elliott and Oscar Jervis, who welcomed baby Nina into the family last week. Sending our love and best wishes to Ryan, Amelia and the children at this special time.

Swimming

Year 5 will resume their Swimming lessons on **Monday**, 13th September, at Tarleton Academy. Please make sure they have their kits in school. Thank you.

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 2022) - 31st October 2021

Primary (Reception in Sept 2022) - 15th January 2022

Please do not hesitate to have a chat with me if you would like any additional information. If you know anyone who is interested in their child coming to our lovely school then please encourage them to come along to our Open Day, which will be on **Monday 18th October**. There will be two opportunities on the day; from 9:30-10:30 and from 1:45-2:45pm. It would be great to have a rough idea of numbers so we encourage prospective parents to contact the school office and let us know if they would like to attend. Although this is an Open Day, it is so important to us that it reflects normal, everyday school life, which it will. Our Year 6 children will be resuming their role of showing people around and I know they will do us proud!

Clubs and Activities

These are the confirmed clubs and activities for this term, to commence w/c 20th September, unless otherwise stated. Please email Mrs Parker on l.parker@euxton.lancs.sch.uk if you would like your child to attend any of the clubs. Some will have a number limit so please try and do this as soon as you can. If they are over-subscribed then either a waiting list will be produced or we will look at ways of running the club differently. **Thank you to all the staff for their time in running these extra-curricular activities. All staff-led activities have no charge.** Outdoor clubs will need additional clothing to suit the weather.

Monday	Lunch time: Spanish with El Club Espanol (Rec-Y6) (fee paying, please see below) 13th 3:30-4:30pm: Taekwondo with Eddie Ellison (Y4) started 6th Sept (fee paying, please contact the office)
Tuesday	Lunchtime: Recorders with Mrs Ash (Y2) 3:30-4:30pm: Hi-5's Netball with Mrs MacDonald and Mrs Ainscough (Y3 and Y4) 3:30-4:30pm: Sports with Premier Sports (Y1 and Y2) (fee paying, letters sent home Thursday night)
Wednesday	Lunchtime: Art with Miss Lewis (Juniors) Lunchtime: Worship Group with Rev. Jo and Mr Ward (Juniors) - <i>No need to book a place, this will be sorted in school.</i> 3:30-4:30pm: Football with Mr Price (Y5 and Y6) 3:30-4:30pm: Computing with Jam Coding (Juniors) starting 15th Sept (fee paying, different focus each half-term. This club is now full.
Thursday	Lunchtime: Mindfulness with Mrs Smith (Y1 and Y2) 3:30-4:15pm: Running with Mr Ward (Rec-Y6) <i>Please note this is until 4:15pm and open to anyone who wants to run/walk round the yard to build up stamina for 30mins - adults too!</i> 3:30-4:30pm: Athletics with Mrs Wiles and Mrs Obertelli (Juniors)

We will also be offering Tennis again (Infants), which is privately run. More details to follow.

High School Open Events

Southlands High School - Monday 13th September 4-7pm.

St Michaels CE High School - Monday 13th September - open day - Y6 only

Parklands High School - Thursday 16th September - Y6 only - slot to be booked via school.

Wellfield High School - Thursday 23rd September 5.30-7.30pm.

Albany Academy - Thursday 23rd September 5pm Virtual - booking essential.

First Kick Football

Football club at Wellfield High School starting Weds 29th September from YR-Y6 for 12 weeks. To book call Lee on 01772 428086 or 07514 316534. Please see the poster on the parent noticeboard.

Covid Reminders

Please continue to be extra vigilant, and should symptoms present in your child then you need to book them in for a PCR test and they need to remain at home until the result comes through. It is likely that we will have confirmed cases in school at some point. Should this happen, I will message you if it is a member of your child's class and ask that your child is taken for a PCR test out of school hours. If your child has no symptoms they may remain in school whilst awaiting the result. Any questions at all, please just ask.

And Finally....

Thank you to Poppy Brennan from Reception for our joke this week:

Q. What is orange and sounds like a parrot?

A. A carrot!

Thank you Poppy - a great joke. 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