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Dear Parents,

Euxton Superstars!

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Arlo

Year 1: Elliott

Year 2: Levi

Year 3: Lucy

Year 4: Neva

Year 5: Sophie

Year 6: Skye

Well done to you all!

Ofsted

As you are aware, after a very long wait, we had our Ofsted inspection this week. We await the final report over the coming weeks. I will of course say much more about our visit by Ofsted as soon as I can. I would though like to say a big thank you to **all** our school family for their great support and encouragement this week. It has meant so much to us all. We are so proud of the children - they were amazing! 😊

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you for sharing your much-valued parent voice. We received 68 questionnaires which is a brilliant number of responses. We will collate all your thoughts and respond with some feedback after half term.

Y5 Olympics Day

On Monday, year 5 celebrated their Olympics day with a mini marathon, gymnastics routine and range of athletics events. The day concluded with an awards ceremony. Huge congratulations to all the children. Their t-shirt designs for their selected countries were amazing. We would like to thank all families involved for supporting this event.

PTFA Autumn Disco

The children had a great time at the disco this week and in the process **£435** was raised for our PTFA. Fabulous. Many thanks, as always, to our PTFA for arranging these fun events for our children.

PTFA Christmas Card Orders

We hope you have enjoyed looking at the template of your child's Christmas card design. Orders to be completed online by **Monday 23rd October** to entitle you to free delivery of your order to school. Thank you, as always, for supporting our PTFA!

PTFA Lucky Numbers

Congratulations to Mrs Linda Mallanaphy (Hannah's grandma in Y6) who has won this month's lucky number draw! A cheque for £20 is on it's way home.

School Clubs After Half Term

Here is the list of clubs for after half term. If your child is already on the register for school ran clubs there is no need to re-apply, the register will stay the same. If your child would like to join in and hasn't done previously, please email Mrs Hodges. Athletics is now Y5 and Y6 so email Mrs Hodges if your child would like to join in.

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		Athletics with Mrs Obertelli until 4:30pm - Y5 & Y6 starts 6 th November (2 nd week) Please email bursar@euxton.lancs.sch.uk if your child would like to join this club. Running Club with Mrs Ash for all year groups until 4.15pm (whilst daylight allows us to be outside). Starts 6 th November (2 nd week). Little Learners Y1 & Y2 with Mrs Delves (link sent out to parents) 3.30pm-4.30pm (starts 6 th November for 5 weeks).
Tuesday	Ethos (Worship) Group at 1pm with Miss Lewis - Y5 and Y6 KS1 Lego Club with Mrs Cheetham From 12.30 in Y1 classroom	
Wednesday	KS2 Mixed Football Club with Mrs MacDonald and Mr Westwell 12.45-1.25	
Thursday	KS2 Mindfulness Club with Mrs Smith in Y3 classroom Tennis 8am or 3.30pm with Mr Chatterley - letter emailed to parents (starts 2 nd November).	KS2 Art Club with Ms Lucas until 4.30pm (max 10 children - email Mrs Hodges). Players Drama School YR-Y6 (link and leaflet sent out to parents) Starts 2 nd November 3.30pm-4.30pm.
Friday	KS2 Homework Club - with Mrs Rowan in Y5 classroom. Drop in between 12.30 -1.30pm (Starts 3 rd November).	

Multi Faith Week

When we return after half term, all classes will be learning about different world faiths and sharing their learning with the rest of the school and parents. Each class will set up a display table of information in the school hall, which will be available for parents to come into school and view on **Friday 3rd November from 3pm**- everyone welcome!

Nasal Flu Sprays

The school health team are back in school administering the flu nasal spray on **Tuesday 28th November**. The e-link was sent home to parents yesterday so that you can give permission (or not) for this to be administered in school. Please respond to this as soon as you possibly can and by Thursday 16th November as the link closes on this day. Thank you.

ParentPay

Please check your accounts over the half term and ensure your balances are up to date. Thank you.

Chicken Pox

We have had a couple of cases of chicken pox reported in school - please watch out for spots appearing if your child has never had it before or has only had a mild case. If they do catch it, please keep them away from school until all the spots have dried up. Piriton does help to ease the itching.

Sponsored Head Shave

Cheryl (Stanley's mum in Y5) is shaving her head! She is doing it on **Saturday 25th November** at Tesco, Buckshaw Village at 2pm raising funds for Derian House. Please give Cheryl all the support you can by going along on the 25th and/or sponsoring her either at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/cheryl-parker-1696013933184> or by using the QR code on the poster in the parent noticeboard. Thank you so much and well done Cheryl.

PTFA Bag2School

Leaflets have come home informing you of our next clothes collection - Wednesday 1st November - filled bags to be left under the parent noticeboard outside year 2 by 9am please. Half term is a perfect time to have a good sort out and any bag can be used. Thank you for supporting our PTFA!

Online Safety

Please see a parent information poster below about the game EA Sports FC 24.

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. If you are applying to any faith school a separate form should be provided by them and completed. The closing dates are as follows:

Secondary (Y7 in Sept 2024) - 31st October 2023

Primary (Reception in Sept 2024) - 15th January 2024

Please do not hesitate to have a chat with me if you would like any additional information.

Have a great half term - see you all on Monday 30th October!

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 & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tend to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for 'just one more game' before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-orientated gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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