



Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter 2 | 15th September 2023

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:
Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

Prayer

Dear God,
We offer our prayers for those affected by the Moroccan earthquake and the devastating floods in Libya. May you give them comfort for the loss of their loved ones, homes and possessions. We pray for those who have been injured and hope they recovery quickly. We give thanks for the bravery of those helping in the rescue and aid efforts. May the people who have been caught up in both disasters find comfort and peace in knowing your love.
Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Charlotte	
Reception	Olivia	Hunter
Year One	Elodie	Campbell
Year Two	Rory	Harrison
Year Three	Maia	Imogen
Year Four	Emilia	Saffron
Year Five	Lewis	Tallulah
Year Six	Anthony	Theo N

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

YARROW

Please click to find out
more about our school

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'I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me.'

Phil 4:13

Little Explorers

Little Explorers have all settled in very well and have enjoyed meeting new friends and taking part in lots of fun activities !



Jellybeans

Jellybeans is back!!

We were thrilled to welcome back some familiar faces and new families to our pre school Jellybeans session on Thursday. The children enjoyed songs, dancing and some free play time. Why not join us next week, just £2 per family which includes refreshments.

A warm welcome awaits!





Open Days, "Welcome Week"

You are warmly invited to visit our school week commencing Monday 9th October.

The following sessions are available:-

Monday : Afternoon 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

Tuesday : Morning 9.00 am to 10.30 am

Wednesday: Morning 9.00 am to 10.30 am

Thursday : Afternoon 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

During these times, you will be able to visit each of our classrooms and speak with teaching staff and pupils, whilst watching lessons in progress.

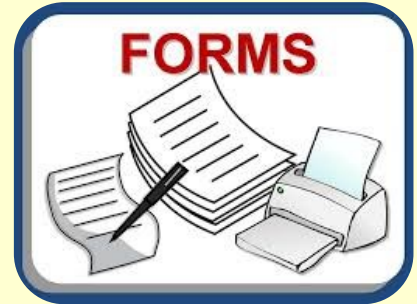
Staff and governors will be on hand to guide you around and answer any queries you may have. Mrs Birchall, our headteacher, will also be available to speak to you should you have anything you wish to discuss.

We believe our school is a very special place where children are happy in their learning and have a full range of activities to enjoy. Why not come and see this for yourself?!

Every year, at this time, we invite parents, who are considering sending their children to St. Mary's, to come and take a look at us in action. This year, we would like to extend that invitation to all our current parents too. Please do take this opportunity to see what your child gets up to on a typical school day. We look forward to seeing you then!

REMINDER!

Please remember to return your child's data collection, medical, annual consent and ICT acceptable use policy forms, by **Monday 18th September**.



Please also look at the privacy notice on our school website regarding GDPR and data sharing. Thank you.

Hymns and Pimms

St. Mary's Church are holding this event on Saturday 23rd September in Church at 7.30pm. It will be an opportunity to join in with some of your favourite hymns whilst enjoying a glass of Pimms. Tickets are £8 for adults and free for children.



Harvest

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for our annual Harvest Festival in Church next Friday, 22nd September at 10am.

We would be very grateful for donations of non-perishable items to support the Church's Harvest Appeal. All goods donated will be divided between the Chorley Homeless and St. Laurence's Foodbank. The following items would be especially welcome:

- tea bags
- coffee
- powdered milk
- pasta
- tinned items eg meat, fruit, soup, baked beans
- instant mash
- tinned pies



Thank you.

We are always glad of a little extra help, walking the children to and from church so if you are able to help at all, please contact the school office.

Letters Home

Yr 6—Football League Boys

Y5 and Y6—Girs' Football League

Yrs 5/6—Tarleton Academy SPaG Challenge (look our for this next week!)

Whole School—Seesaw Letter

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtimes
Monday	Judo Club KS2	8.00-8.45am (starting 18.9.23)
Tuesday	Futsal KS1	3.20-4.20pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club Yrs1-6	8.00-8.50am
Wednesday	St Marys Singing Sensations	3.20-4.20pm
Thursday	Futsal KS2	3.20-4.20pm

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 19th September	9.10am	Open the Book
Wednesday 20th September	4.00-6.00pm	Girls Football League (Westway Sports Hub-Chorley)
Thursday 21st September	4.00-6.00pm	Boys Football league (Holy Cross High School-Chorley)
Friday 22nd September	10 am	Harvest Festival (St Mary's Church) - everyone is welcome to join us

Secondary school admissions

If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place

at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 31 October 2023.

For guidance on school transport see: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/>.

Remember to check your preferred schools' websites for details of their Open Evenings.

fun activities

Jellybeans

Jellybeans sessions for under 4s

songs

10am to 11am

Stories

in the school hall at
Eccleston St. Marys CE Primary School

Recommencing
14th September
2023

Children must be
accompanied by an adult

£2
per family

Refreshments
will be
served

Please share this information
with other families in the village.

native/fluent & DBS checked teacher



world culture • crafts



games • songs • stories

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Fun Spanish Morning Clubs Before School:

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Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary; emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful if they love *Minecraft*; choose something to build together; if *Fortnite*'s their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Lipcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as *Fortnite*, *Apex Legends*, *Valorant*, *Roblox* and *Minecraft*. With work published by the likes of *PC Gamer*, *Kotaku*, *Pocket Gamer* and *VG247*, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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