



Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter 7 | 19th October 2023

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:

Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:

Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we break up for the half-term holiday, we thank you for all that we have learnt and experienced over the last seven weeks.

Help us to enjoy a restful and enjoyable time with our families in the coming week, giving us the strength and energy to return to school refreshed and revitalised, ready to enjoy all the wonderful activities that lie ahead.

In Jesus's name we pray.

Amen.

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

Phil 4:13

Fantastic Book Awards

We have had our first meeting and the children are very excited to start reading their new books over half-term. We will read a total of 5 books and vote for our favourite in March.

The winning book will be announced in May and we are hoping to attend the star-studded awards at UCLan in June.



Year 1 Forest School

Year 1 have enjoyed their sessions in Forest School this term. They have identified leaves, made stick men and built bug hotels, which they hung up around the area. Their final session saw them building a fire, toasting marshmallows and having time for a little play!

We are already looking forward to our next sessions with Mr Gatefield in the Spring term.



Artwork

Year 3 are embarking on an exciting new Art Project with Olive Green in the village. They will be the first class to display their canvas artwork and it will reflect an Autumn theme whilst celebrating the 150th Birthday of our school.

The 'Art in the Courtyard' will be on display from Saturday 28th October, which is perfect timing for Olive Green's Artisan Market, until Tuesday 14th November.

Why not pop in to see the children's beautiful works of art on display!



Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday is on 12th November. The procession leaves Ecclestone Primary School, Doctors Lane, at 10.15am arriving at St Mary's church for an outside service starting at 10.45am.

We will be looking for some of our pupils to 'plant' poppies at the War Memorial during the service—more information when we return to school.



Bags 2 School

Please remember to bring your charity bags back to school on Wednesday 1st November and leave them outside the school hall before 9am!

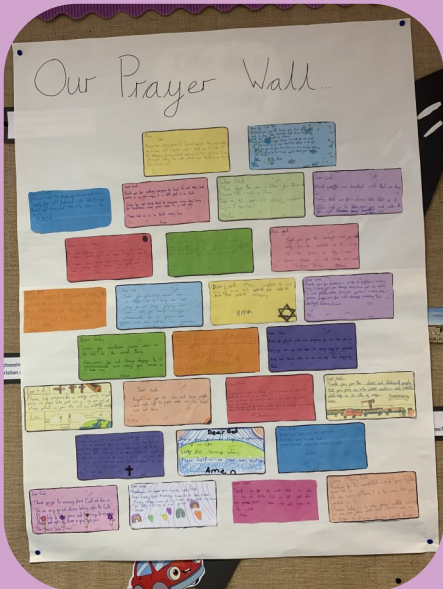


Interfaith Week

Thank you to everyone who joined us this afternoon at our Celebration Assembly, bringing to an end our Interfaith Week. Each class had marked the week in very different ways and shared what they had learnt during the Assembly.




These photos give just a flavour of the week we've enjoyed.



Shoeboxes for Ukraine Appeal


Please do try to support this worthy cause if you can.

Filled Shoeboxes can be returned to school at any time during October and November, after which they will be collected and transported to Ukraine.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2023

All year we have been working hard to send aid to Ukraine. This Christmas we are sending shoebox parcels of goodies so that people who have lost a lot during the conflict there, can have something for Christmas that might be useful and enjoyable. If you are able, please consider filling a wrapped shoebox of goodies and donating it to us at the 'Ukraine Unit' in Chorley town centre. The box and lid needs to be wrapped separately and closed with a rubber band around it. Please then label it to show if the contents are for a Girl, Boy, Man or Woman. If it is for a child, please also add the age group the parcel is appropriate for.



We will do the rest and make sure it gets to the people of Ukraine so they can enjoy during Christmas and the New Year.

Contents could include:
gloves, scarf, hat, chocolate, sweets, toy, toiletries, etc... perhaps even a drawing or Christmas card ©

*Don't worry if you can't fill a box. If you donate what you can, we will make up the rest.

For more details, please follow our group on Facebook:
Chorley & District Support for Ukraine
Alternatively, please email: saclewlow@yahoo.com

Please feel free to share this appeal with anyone or any group that you feel might be able to join in with the effort.

Thank you for your support.

Stuart A. Clewlow - Group Co-ordinator.

Please note: We are also still accepting all other kinds of donations such as: clothing, shoes, blankets, toiletries, baby products, medical equipment, etc.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal



Girls / Boys / Men / Women

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in to take individual and family photos on Tuesday 31st October. Pupils with siblings not in school are welcome to come in from 8.30am to have their family photographs taken.



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/>.

Admission to Primary School 2024 is now open.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

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



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2024

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024.

You must apply even if you already have a sibling at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority. Please send the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from here.

School transport: Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search for a transport officer at lancashire.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE
15 JANUARY 2024

Lancashire County Council

Upcoming Dates

Friday 20th October	All Day	School Closed (Inset Day)
Monday 30th October	8.45am	School re-opens
Tuesday 31st October	8.30am	School Photos (individual)
Wednesday 1st November	9.00am	Bags2School
Wednesday 1st November	9.15am	Y5 Class Worship (Please join us)
Friday 3rd November	All Day	Victorian Day
Monday 6th November	All Day	150th Birthday Party Day
Thursday 9th November	3.30pm	PTFA AGM
Friday 10th November	10.45am	Remembrance Service (Please join us)

Letters Home

KS1—Construction Club
Y5 & Y6—Girls Football League
Y3— Art in the Courtyard Letter

Whole school—Birthday events

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtimes
Monday	Judo Club KS2	8.00-8.45am
Tuesday	Construction Club KS1	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Dodgeball KS2	3.20-4.20pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club Yrs1-6	8.00-8.50am
Wednesday	St Marys Singing Sensations	3.20-4.20pm
Thursday	Multi-Sport Skills KS1	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

Eccleston St Mary's Church Autumn Fair

St Mary's Church will be holding their Autumn Fair on Saturday 28th October from 10- 2pm in Bateman Hall. There will be a variety of stalls, admission is free and everyone is welcome!



Uniform

If buying new uniform over the holidays, please remember that polo shirts must be **jade** green not forest or bottle green.

Please also be mindful that hair accessories should be small and in school colours. Ear-rings are not permitted.

We really appreciate your help in keeping our children looking so smart at all times. Thank you.



HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

ECCLESTON ST MARYS C.E PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE GREEN, ECCLESTON, CHORLEY, PR7 5TE

PRICE: £25 PER DAY OR £100 FOR FULL WEEK | 50% DISCOUNT FOR ANY EXTRA SIBLING
1 WEEK COURSE RUNNING 23RD | 24TH | 25TH | 26TH | 27TH OCTOBER

TIMES: 8:30AM - 4:00PM

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WHAT TO EXPECT

MULTI SPORTS GAMES | FOOTBALL | GOLF
| HANDBALL | DODGEBALL | BASKETBALL |
FRISBEE | FUTSAL | NETBALL | ATHLETICS
GAMES | STRIKE & FIELD GAMES | CLASSIC
HOLIDAY CLUB GAMES | AND MUCH MORE

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.



UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 60 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on StreamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

Meet Our Expert

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