



Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

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SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto: Believe & Achieve Our Mission Statement: Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

Prayer

A prayer from the Bishop of Derby, ahead of Sunday's Euros final!

God of grace and mercy, for all that gives us joy and offers us hope, we give you thanks. We rejoice that we are brought together, across our rich and vibrant diversity, in celebration and shared experience and we pray the goodness of all that will last long beyond Sunday (whatever the result). And so, as we turn to you again in prayer; we do not ask for victory (though we are honest in naming that we want it) – rather we ask, once more, that striving for excellence will be marked by humility and fair play and rooted in respect for others, on and off the pitch. May our desire to win not overwhelm our common humanity and may we, finally, find our hope and peace in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Maisie	
Reception	Rosie	Elijah
Year One	Henry	Leo
Year Two	Myla	Arlo
Year Three	Zach	Penelope
Year Four	Sebastian	Thomas B
Year Five	Jacob	Reuben
Year Six	Harper	Piper

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

YARROW

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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



CERTIFICATES



Bronze certificates are awarded for gaining 50 house points.

BRONZE

Year 5 Alex C Leah Thomas F

Silver certificates are awarded for gaining 100 house points.

SILVER

Year 6 George Nathan Lucas

Year 4 Amy Ben Freddie

Gold certificates are awarded for gaining 200 house points.

GOLD

Year 2 Amelia Jenson Poppy Bronte

Harrison Peter Mia

DIAMOND

Diamond Certificates are awarded for gaining 300 house points.

Year 3 Oliver Imogen

Jellybeans

Jellybeans had a lovely time in Forest School yesterday. They had a story, hunted for teddies and then enjoyed a Teddy Bears picnic.

Thank you to all those that have supported Jellybeans this year, we look forward to seeing you back in September!

Please feel free to invite new families to join us too. All welcome!







Little Explorers

Little Explorers had lots of fun at their party for those children who are moving up to Reception Class in September. They enjoyed dancing, games and a party tea!







Winning House for the Year-Yarrow

Congratulations to Yarrow who were the winning house for this year. Their house captain, Jessica, collected the trophy on their behalf. Well Done everyone!



Reception

On Monday, our Reception class children visited church. Fr Jordan gave them time to explore the building and ask him questions about what they could see. He even played the organ and showed them his special priest clothing called vestments. The day was finished by spending some quiet moments on the grass and thinking what they were thankful for.









Prayer Day

Our school was filled with prayers on Tuesday as every class took part in our Prayer Day. The main theme was to consider "Friendship and Forgiveness" and the children experienced blowing bubble prayers to release worries, weaving prayers to consider the challenges of saying a heartfelt sorry, and writing a thank you for special friends. Everyone who was part of the day, has commented on the calm atmosphere and the positive energy.



Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to provide this lovely, spiritual opportunity for the children.







Important information

Please remember there will be a change to our school hours on our return to school in **September**. School will open in the morning at 8.45am for an 8.50am start and all children will finish the school day at 3.20pm except for Little Explorers who will finish at 3.15pm.

Cricket

On Monday afternoon, Year 5 visited Eccleston Cricket Club for lots of exciting cricket activities. They practised their batting, bowling, catching and teamwork skills in lots of different ways with cricket coaches. They enjoyed the





sunshine and had lots of fun along the way too. Well done Year 5!

Equality Mark

We are delighted to have been awarded the first two badges towards achieving the Lancashire Equality Mark—those for Race Equality and Religion and Belief Equality.

The rationale behind the Equality Mark states:

The Lancashire Equality
Mark is awarded to schools
who have taken measures to
embed Equality throughout
their practice with the goal
of enabling all pupils to
thrive in a supportive
learning community.

Thank you to the Equality
Committee—Mr Hogarth,
Mrs Traynor, Mrs Barden and
Mrs Rostron for all their
input and hard work.



Thank you, also, to the GIFT

group (above) who have been working on a child-friendly Equality Charter, which we will be embedding in school after the holidays.

Although we have been recognised for our work towards Race and Religious Equality, we're not resting on our laurels and will be working towards accreditation for Disability Equality and Socio-economic Equality next year.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 15th July	pm	Reports Home to Parents
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Monday 15th July am/pm Y6 Dress Rehearsal

Monday 15th July 1.30pm Y4 Swimming

Tuesday 16th July pm/eve Y6 Performance

Wednesday 17th July 4.45-5.30pm Y5 Orienteering

(Astley Park)

Thursday 18th July 1.45pm Y6 Leavers Assembly

(please join us)

Friday 19th July 9.10am Farewell Assembly for Mrs

Latham (please join us)

Friday 19th July 2.00pm School Closes for Summer

Letters Home

Year 5—Orienteering Letter

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday Guitar Lessons KS2 Lunchtime

Guitar Lessons

There will be a beginners ukulele / guitar group starting in September on Mondays at 12.00pm. The lessons will be provided by Carmel Galea who teaches at many local Primary and High Schools.

Beginners guitar / ukulele letters have gone out to the present pupils in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

Should anyone require extra letters please email <u>carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk</u> or ask at the school office.

School Dinners

Due to rising food costs we have been advised by Lancashire County Council that the price for school meals will increase to £2.70 in September.

MILK

Please remember to pay any outstanding dinner arrears before we break up for

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT A
CHILD WHO MAY BE BEING
NEGLECTED...

If you are a young person, you can contact 2-10pm, 365 days a year.
Phone on 0800 51 11 11
Text on 07786 51 11 11

Email: talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk



If you are an adult or professional, call 0300 123 6720



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Lancashire Family Hubs

For more information, scan the QR code or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/family-hubs/





Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

For more information, scan the QR code or visit https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-educationfamilies/school-holiday-activities/



Founded in 2011, Zoom is one the world's leading video conferencing software providers. It has a number of features, including video and audio conferencing, real-time messaging, screen-sharing and the ability to upload, share and search for content. Users can start their own meetings or they can join meetings set up by others. The app is available to use across PCs, laptops, tablets and mobiles phones and is free to download on both the app store and on Android.





What parents need to know about



ZOOM BOMBING

Zoom bombing' is the term which has been coined to describe unauthorised people joining zoom meetings uninvited and broadcasting pornographic or inappropriate videos. An attacker can hijack a meeting if they know the meeting ID and it isn't reinforced with a password. Not taking preventative measures or implementing privacy controls could open up the risk of children witnessing sexual or inappropriate content with very little notice.



The rise in popularity of Zoom has led to a rise in hacking operations and phishing campaigns. This is when participants are encouraged to click on links to join what they believe to be legitimate Zoom meetings via email, but which are in fact fraudulent. These scams aim to obtain sensitive information such as user login details, passwords and/or credit card information.

PRIVACY CONCERNS





LIVE RECORDINGS

One of the features of Zoom is the ability to record live meetings. By default, only the host of the meeting can usually record live sessions however other meeting members can also record if the host gives them access. Recordings can be stored on devices or on the cloud and can be downloaded and shared with no restrictions. This means that videos, audio clips and transcripts of recordings involving your children could be widely shared on the internet or between users without your authorisation or consent.

PRIVATE ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom has a facility to set up breakout rooms, which enables a private meeting within the main Zoom session. The host can choose to split the participants of the original meeting into separate sessions. This gives children the ability to speak privately away from the main group to other users however chats aren't always monitored by the host and if the meeting has been made public, children could be more vulnerable to experiencing negative comments.



'LIVE STREAMING' RISKS

At its very core, Zoom facilitates live streaming. That means it inevitably carries some of the associated risks that live streaming brings. These are likely to be minimal within a controlled environment (for instance when used in a classroom setting for remote learning). However, live streaming means that content isn't always moderated and children who use the app unsupervised or with limited security settings, may be more at risk of exposure to viewing inappropriate material. Other risks can include downloading malicious links, sharing personal information or even potential grooming.



Safety Tips For Parents





REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Remind your child that if they do see something that Remind your child that if they do see something tha makes them feel uncomfortable or upset then they need to talk about it and report it. Parents can report unwanted activity, harassment, and cyberattacks to Zoom directly. To help your child, you could try setting up a checklist before they go online, with an agreed set of rules and what they should do if they see something inappropriate.

USER PRIVATE MEETING IDS & PASSWORDS

It is always better to set up a meeting with a random ID number generated by Zoom than by using a personal number. This means it is harder to guess and less likely to be hacked. It's important to never share meeting IDs with anybody you don't know and always set-up a password function to allow other people to sign-in. This should already be a default setting that is applied on Zoom. 777

PROTECT YOUR **PERSONAL DATA**

It's important to discuss with your child that they should not share personal information on Zoom. This includes passwords, their address, phone number, etc. Create your child's account under a false name or pseudonym and always set a custom background to help hide details in your home. Zoom allows you to turn on virtual backgrounds and select your own image to appear behind you.

BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

Every time you or your child gets a Zoom link, it's good practice to ensure it has come from the official platform and is not fraudulent. Signs of a phishing email include an unrecognisable email address, an unofficial domain name or a slightly distorted logo. The email itself might also be poorly written or contain suspicious attachments.



TURN OFF **UNNECESSARY FEATURES**

If your child is using Zoom, there are a number of features that you can turn off to make the experience safer for them. For instance, disabling the ability to transfer files or engaging in private chats can help to limit the risk of receiving any malicious attachments or receiving any inappropriate messages. In addition, you can turn off the camera if it is not needed or must the off the camera if it is not needed or mute the microphone when not in use.

USETHE'VIRTUAL WAITING ROOM FEATURE

The waiting room feature on Zoom means that anybody who wants to join a meeting or live session cannot automatically join and must 'wait' for the host to screen them before entering. This is now a default function and adds another layer of security to reduce the likelihood of zoom bombing.

KEEP YOUR VERSION UPDATED

It's important to ensure you are using the latest version of Zoom available and always update it if you get a prompt. These updates are usually to fix security holes and without the update you will be more vulnerable to an attack. Check the official website to constant in each of the constant in a constant in website to see what the latest version is and compare it to your own.

HOST IMPLEMENTED PRIVACY CONTROLS

If your child is part of a larger group meeting, then it's important to make sure that the host is abiding by Zoom's Terms of Service. This includes the fact that they have gained everybody's permission for the session to be recorded. the session to be recorded.
The host should also have set screen sharing to 'host only' and disabled 'file transfer' to help keep the live stream secure.

Meet our expert

Emma Davis is a cyber security expert and former ICT teacher. She delivers cyber awareness training to organisations nationally and has extensive knowledge and experience of managing how children access services and apps online.





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