

# Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter 6 | 11th October 2024

# **SCHOOL NEWS**

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

# Prayer

A prayer about perseverance

Dear God

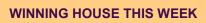
Thank you for always being with me.

Please help me to keep going even when things are hard. Give me strength when I feel tired and courage when I feel scared. Help me to never give up and to trust you always.

Amen



| Nursery    | Joey      |           |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Reception  | Charlie A | Alfie     |
| Year One   | Hugo      | David     |
| Year Two   | Leo       |           |
| Year Three | Мах       | Isla-Jai  |
| Year Four  | Freddie   | Imogen    |
| Year Five  | Elliot    | Annabelle |
| Year Six   | Tallulah  | Ellie     |





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'I came to give life - life in all its fullness.'

John 10:10

## **Tim Peake Author Visit**

Y5 and Y6 enjoyed a school trip that was 'out of this world' on Wednesday as they met astronaut, Tim Peake, at Westholme School.

He told them all about his new book and they were able to ask him questions about his exploits in space!

Staff and children have described it as 'possibly one of the best school trips ever!'

What more is there to say?!



## Nursery

Little Explorers have been focusing on Autumn this week and have enjoyed doing some nice Autumnal activities.

They have been exploring with the conkers, acorns and sticks and have been on a leaf hunt in the garden to paint leaves and print them.









# Year 6 Boys Football Team

Our Year 6 Boys Football Team have been competing in the Chorley Schools football league over the last 4 weeks.

They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship by cheering each other on and performed brilliantly as a team.

Ted, Theo, Alex, Freddie, Monty, Harrison, Jacob, Archie, Louie and William played incredibly well and to have been just 1 point away from the finals is an excellent achievement.

Go Team St Mary's!



## Year 6 Girls Football Team



Throughout the whole of the four-week Chorley School Sports Partnership Girls Football League at Parklands, our team of dedicated girls have shown true team spirit and fair play.

Whatever the score line, the girls embraced every match with enthusiasm and encouraged each other both on and off the pitch. Although they didn't reach the finals, they were certainly top of the league for effort and determination!

Well done to all the girls involved!

# **Upcoming Dates**

| Monday 14th October    | All day | Y3 Trip to Bring yer Wellies                     |
|------------------------|---------|--|
| Friday 18th October    | 9.00am  | Start of the Day Activity—Y3<br>(Please Join Us) |
| Monday 21st October    | 2pm-7pm | Parents' Evening                                 |
| Tuesday 22nd October   | All Day | School Photographs                               |
| Wednesday 23rd October | 1.00pm  | Fire Safety Talks Y2                             |
| Thursday 24th October  | 2.00pm  | Celebration Assembly<br>(Please join us)         |

## School closes for pupils for half-term on Thursday 24th October (Staff INSET day—Friday 25th October)

| Monday 4th November    | 8.45am       | School re-opens after half-term                         |
|------------------------|--------------|---|
| Monday 4th November    | 1pm-1.30pm   | Flu Vaccines in School                                  |
| Tuesday 5th November   | 9.30-10.30am | School Nurse YR & Y6 NCMP                               |
| Friday 8th November    | 9.30-11.00am | School Open Day   |
| Monday 11th November   | 10.45am      | Remembrance Day Service<br>(Please join us)             |
| Thursday 14th November | 10.00-3.00PM | Y6 Boys&Girls Football Tournament<br>(Westway, Chorley) |
| Friday 15th November   | All Day      | Children in Need  |
| Friday 15th November   | 9.15am       | Year 3 Class Worship<br>(Please join us)                |

# **Sports and Social Clubs**

| Monday    | Guitar Lessons KS2               | Lunchtime   |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Tuesday   | Futsal After School Club         | 3.20-4.20pm |
| Tuesday   | Choir                            | 3.20-4.15pm |
| Wednesday | Spanish Club-All Years           | 8.00-8.45am |
| Wednesday | Judo Club-KS2                    | 8.00-8.45am |
| Thursday  | Girls Football After School Club | 3.20-4.20pm |
| Friday    | Brass Club                       | 3.20-4.15pm |
|           |                                  |             |

## **School Photographer**

The school photographer will be in on Tuesday 22nd October to take individual and family photos.

Pupils with siblings not in school are welcome to come in from 8.30am to have their family photographs taken.



## **Parents Evening**

Parents' Evening is on Monday 21st October 2-7pm.

Appointments are now live to book on our School Spider app.

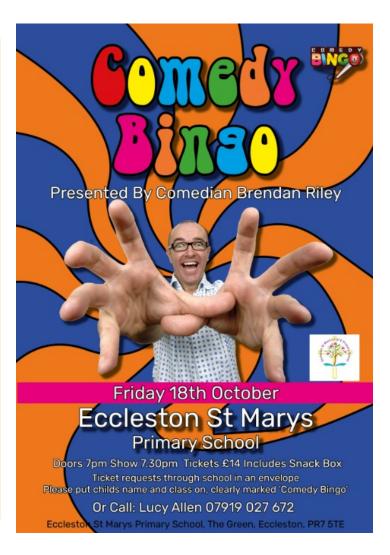


# Lunchtime Welfare Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime welfare assistant.

If you or someone you know would like to be part of our friendly team, please phone or call into the school office for more information.







St Mary's School Open Days



## You are warmly invited to visit our school on the following days:-

Friday 8th November

9.30am to 11.00am

Tuesday 3rd December 1.30pm to 3.00pm

During these sessions you will be able to visit each of our classrooms whilst lessons are in progress and speak, not only to staff, but to the pupils too.

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.

We look forward to welcoming you. No booking is required, please just turn up.





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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators **TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE**

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

#### **BONFIRE NIGHT** 1 AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

#### SUPERVISE 2 FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've heen lit heen lit

#### **3** SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Feach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

#### CAUTIC ORGANISED 4 **DISPLAYS ARE SAFER**

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

#### **KEEP FIREWORKS** 5 AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you **are** hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and **never** attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

## Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.

Source: See full reference list<mark>on</mark> guide page at: https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-sc<mark>fet</mark>y

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#### 6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

#### **"STOP, DROP** STOP! 7 AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

#### 8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items uparteande and elever or evitorwich hom fully. unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

#### EDUCATE ABOUT 9 FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. The new to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are **not** toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

## **10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS**

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

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