



Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter 18 24th January 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Prayer

Our Christian Value this half-term is Trust and this is reflected in this week's prayer.

Hold my hand, Lord
Show me the way.
Help me be grateful every day.
Show me the difference between right and wrong
Keep me safe, Lord, all day long.
Give me direction on what to do
Lead the way, Lord, I trust in you.
Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Phoebe	Monty
Reception	Luna	
Year One	Elijah	Henry
Year Two	Cassie	
Year Three	Myla	Seth
Year Four	Penelope	Oliver
Year Five	Eliza	Sebastian
Year Six	Payton	Alex Ca

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

RIBBLE

Please click to find out more about our school

Facebook Twitter

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

John 10:10



CERTIFICATES



Bronze certificates are awarded for gaining 50 house points. BRONZE

Year 6 William P Payton William N Lizzie

Sophia

Year 3 Myla

Year 2 Catriona Isla

Eco Council

Well done to our Eco Council who were voted for by their peers.



Congratulations to Theo and Alex Cr from Year 6, Saffron and Luciana from Year 5, Niko and Olivia from Year 4, George and Ben from Year 3, Henry and Charlotte from Year 2, Elijah from Year 1 and Aurora from Reception.

Well done to all the children who produced posters to apply. Miss Slater will collect all of these in and display them around school because there are some excellent ideas on them!



Little Explorers

Little Explorers have been reading the story of 'Stick Man' this week.

They had lots of fun exploring Forest School to find sticks and leaves to make their own stick men and afterwards enjoyed having a hot chocolate back in the classroom to warm up!









Wear a Scarf Day

On the 7th February we are inviting children to wear a scarf to school to show our support for children's mental health and well-being during Mental Health Week.

Children will still need to wear their school uniform, just with an added scarf.

They will complete age appropriate activities that afternoon with the theme 'Know yourself- grow yourself'.



Let's Go Sing

In preparation for the exciting 'Let's Go Sing' Concert in March, Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful singing workshop with Rose from their team!

The children sang and performed with much enjoyment and enthusiasm!

Well done to everyone in Year 3 and a big thank you to Rose too!



PTFA Show-Trial and Error

Tickets for Saturday 1st February have now sold out!

Please remember to return your ticket requests along with payment as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

Raffle Prizes-PTFA Shows

We would be most grateful for donations of either £1 or any gifts (eg wine, chocolates, smellies) towards the raffle prizes at this year's show.

Thank you.





PARENT/CARER WEBINAR 'KNOW YOURSELF'



Children's Mental Health Week is in February and this years theme is 'Know Yourself. Grow Yourself.



Join our webinar designed to empower parents and carers!

Discover tools to help children and young people build selfawareness, strengthen emotional resilience, and foster
meaningful conversations about mental health and wellbeing.



When

Thursday 13th February, 6pm -7pm

Join Our Webinar!

Our webinar is open to all young people and parents/carers of students who attend our allocated schools and colleges.

Register now using the link below or simply scan the QR Code to secure your spot!



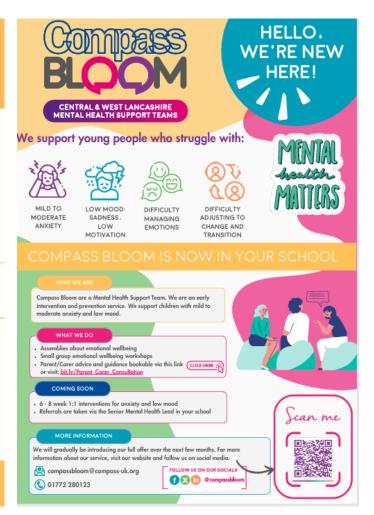
https://forms.office.com/e/NzqAgbP3bk

Https://forms.onicc.com/c/142d/Agbi obk









Upcoming Dates

Monday 27th January	930-11.30am	YR Balance Bikes
Tuesday 28th January	9.05am	Open the Book
Tuesday 28th January	9.30-11.30am	YR Balance Bikes
Wednesday 29th January	9.00-10.30am	Y3 Worship at St Mary's Church
Friday 31st January	7.30pm	PTFA Show
Saturday 1st February	7.30pm	PTFA Show
Monday 3rd February	All Day	Viking Day Y5
Monday 3rd February	9.00-10.15am	Nursery Library Visit
Wednesday 5th February	1.45-2.45pm	Vision Screening YR
Thursday 6th February	All Day	Mini First Aid Y1,Y3,Y5
Thursday 6th February	4.00-6.00pm	Invasion Games Festival (Holy Cross)

School Closes on Friday 14th February at 3.20pm for Half Term. We re-open at 8.45am on Monday 24th February.

9.30-11.30am

All Day

9.00am

Wear a Scarf Day

Y2 Class Worship

YR Balance Bikes

Sports and Social Clubs

Friday 7th February

Tuesday 11th February

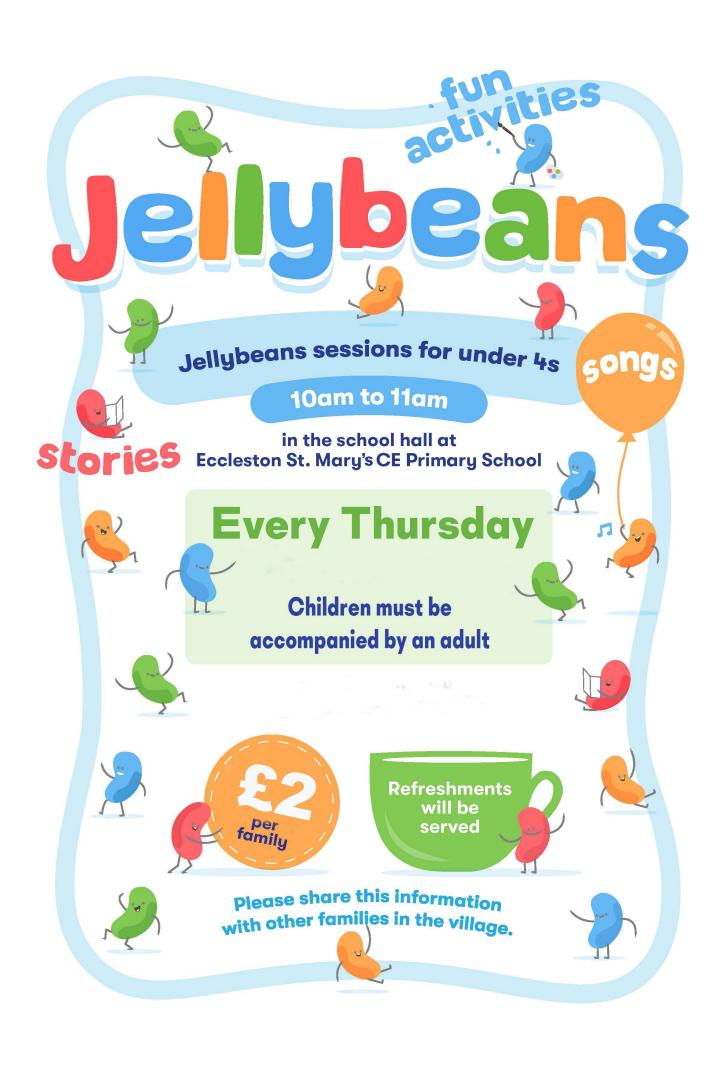
Friday 14th February

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Tri-Golf	3.20-4.20pm
Tuesday	Choir	3.20-4.15pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club-All Years	8.00-8.45am
Wednesday	Dance Rehearsals	3.20-4.15pm
Thursday	Girls Football	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

Lunchtime Welfare Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime welfare assistant. If you would like to be part of our friendly team, please phone or call into the school office for more information. Thank you.





What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact: this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

TOO MUCH **SCREENTIME**



2

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

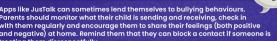
If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call a any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING



Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what *is* and *isn't* safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



National College®

29

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: https://nationalcollege.com/guides/justalk-kids



