



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 17th January 2025

This week, our Year 5/6 pupils really shone at the athletics event organised by the School Sports Partnership. They did an amazing job, especially in the javelin event, and a Year 6 pupil even set a new record in high jump! These accomplishments show just how dedicated and talented our pupils are. Thank you to the parents who were able to transport them and to Mr Christmas for organising.

Craig has started with his gardening sessions again – the children love getting outside and being in nature, learning about horticulture and caring for the environment.

The first of the free Parent Talk sessions was held on Wednesday - please do get in touch if you would like to attend - there are 5 more sessions left.

Our school librarians are doing a great job promoting reading by introducing a 'book of the week' for each class during worship. This will happen every Friday and aims to inspire a love of reading among our pupils.

Don't forget, the **final Cross Country event at EPSV is taking place tomorrow**, with registration starting at 9:45 am. We are hoping as many Year 4 as possible can attend as they are in with a chance of a medal! I'll see you there!

Messy Church is this Sunday at 10:45am in Pulford Village Hall. The theme is 'Following the Star'. Join us for games, crafts and fun for all ages followed by a Church Service at St Mary's Pulford.

I'd like to share why we are using SMART walking in our school: with the cloakrooms being a bottleneck, a staggered entrance for children eases this. It also eases some pupils' anxiety caused by crowding and busy places. This practice in the morning, after break and during lunch encourages calm transitions between activities and keeps our younger pupils safe. We ask for silence during entry to worship, to create a reflective atmosphere and to set the right tone. SMART walking was introduced to protect our more vulnerable pupils.

Based on teacher feedback, we've moved worship to the afternoon, allowing everyone to reflect on the day's events. The Rabbits class is now joining the rest of the school leaving at 3.15pm. To make it easier for parents to connect, the school gate will be open from 3:10 pm to 3:30 pm. I apologise for any inconvenience caused by not explaining this clearly last week. We will monitor the congestion in the car park and make changes if parking is an issue for parents – please let us know.

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Looking ahead, we have a busy week planned! Year 3/4 and 5/6 will take part in Xplore Science sessions on Monday, focusing on light and building wisdom. On Tuesday morning, we'll attend Collective Worship at St Mary's with Rev'd Steve Torr. Year 6 pupils will visit the Stockport Air Raid Shelter on Wednesday as part of their World War II studies. Then on Thursday, January 23rd, we'll have Free House of Dance street funk workshops for the Squirrels and Badgers classes and a PTA online meeting – everyone is welcome to attend.

Lastly, I'm excited to announce that we'll be introducing new approaches to spelling and reading in the coming weeks. To support this, we'll be sharing an Amazon wishlist for those who are able to contribute a book for those texts that are best shared!

Thank you for your ongoing support. If there is ever anything that concerns you, please do not hesitate to speak to me on the gate or make an appointment. Your feedback is valuable to us as we continually strive to improve for our children.

Best,

Kathryn Rees-Wright

Headteacher

Next week's Bible Quote

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Luke 7.1-10

Our Vision

At Eccleston C of E Primary School, we believe that every child is known and loved by God and is made in the image of God. We are united in our vision of every child fulfilling their God-given potential as they are nurtured to reflect the example Jesus set in all they do.

We aim to achieve this through instilling a life-long love of learning and development that is rooted in Christian Values. We strive for excellence in all we do enabling all members of our school to flourish.

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Our Values

Thankfulness ~ Love ~ **Respect** ~ Forgiveness ~ Perseverance ~ Kindness

Dates

Saturday 18th January – KS2 West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Races (Cross Country) – Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 and from 10am for school years 5-8. First Race Starts at 10am.

Sunday 19th January – Messy Church at Pulford 10.45am

Monday 20th January – Xplore Year 3/4 In Search of Light workshop and Y5/6 Building Wisdom Workshop – free in school

Wednesday 22nd January – Foxes Air Raid visit to Stockport

Thursday 23rd January PTA online meeting – all welcome

Thursday 23rd January - 9.30-10.30 Squirrels and 10.45-11.45 Badgers House of Dance

Tuesday 28th January – Jeanette Howe in leading Worship

Tuesday 4th February – Bromborough Gospel in leading Worship

Friday 7th February - Wear Your SCARF Day as a symbol of support for children's mental wellbeing, while celebrating the values of SCARF - Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship.

Monday 10th or Tuesday 11th February – Queens Park High School Production of Ghost – more details to follow.

Wednesday 12th February at 2.00pm – Pulford and Poulton Local History Group competition launch.

Thursday 13th February – Valentine Disco

Friday 14th February – Rabbit parents stay and play – more information to follow.

Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb Half Term

Wednesday 26th February – 10am-2pm Year 5/6 Xplore Count on Nature Day at Northop – details to follow.

Wednesday 5th March – Collective Worship at St Mary's lead by Rev'd Torr Ash Wednesday

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – Book swap

Thursday 13th March PTA Online Meeting – all welcome

Thursday 20th to Wednesday 26th March – Scholastic Book Fair – World Book Day Tokens accepted

Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day – come to school in Red

Friday 21st March – World Downs Syndrome Day – gingerbread socks for £1

Week Beginning 24th March – Parents Evening

Friday 28th March – Closing date for Pulford and Poulton Local History Group competition

Monday 31st March – Bromborough Gospel mini Easter exhibition for Badgers

Thursday 3rd April – Hospice of the Good Shepherd Bunny Hop

Friday 4th April - Easter Eggstravaganza – Easter bonnet and garden competition and Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 4th April 1.30pm - Easter Service in St Mary's Church Eccleston

7th April – 21st April Easter Holiday

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22nd April - Children return to school

Wednesday 23rd April - Pulford and Poulton Local History Group competition presentation

Tuesday May 6th - Collective Worship at St Mary's lead by Rev'd Torr

Wednesday 7th May - Badgers Anglo Saxon Workshop at Tattenhall – more details to follow

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May Year 6 SATS assessments

Tuesday 20th May - Jeanette Howe in leading Worship

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – May Half Term

Monday 2nd June - INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd June – Children return to school

Tuesday 10th June - Bromborough Gospel in leading Worship

Wednesday 11th June – Sports Day

Tuesday 17th June - Collective Worship at St Mary's lead by Rev'd Torr

Tuesday 24th June - Jeanette Howe in leading Worship

Wednesday 25th June – Sports Day Reserve

Tuesday 22nd July – Last Day and Y6 Leavers' Service lead by Rev'd Torr