



Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16

Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take a moment to share some updates about what's been happening at Eccleston CE Primary School this week. We are dedicated to giving our pupils a rich and varied educational experience, and I'm thrilled to tell you about some of the fun events and initiatives we've been involved in.

On Monday, 20th January, our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 pupils took part in some engaging workshops run by Xplore Science. The younger pupils learned about light, while the older ones explored the theme of buildings. These workshops were free for our school and provided fantastic opportunities for creative thinking and learning.

On Wednesday, our Foxes class went on a field trip to Stockport, where they experienced life in an Air Raid shelter. The excitement among the pupils was clear, and their period-appropriate costumes as refugees really added to the experience!

We also had a lovely Respect themed worship at St Mary's on Tuesday, where Reverend Torr talked about the importance of working together, using singing as a metaphor. Plus, our Squirrels and Badgers classes enjoyed some energetic street funk workshops led by House of Dance.

On a practical note, our caretaker, Tim, will be closing off a muddy section of the playground next week. This is because he's struggling to get all of the mud up off the carpet (I'm sure there have been lots of muddy shoes coming home!), and we wanted to give the grass chance to grow. We hope to reopen that area as soon as we can.

As a whole school team, we've noticed that handwriting and presentation need some extra attention. To help with this, we've started using the Letterjoin Handwriting scheme, which pupils can access from home with the login details we provided via Dojo. We're also moving to lined exercise books to support better presentation for subjects like RE, PSHE and science.

After the February half term, we'll be launching the 'Pathways to Read' scheme, which will work alongside our existing Read, Write Inc Phonics programme that the PTA and parents worked so hard to fund raise for. Phonics is taught from Reception up to year 2 (and to those who still need it). This new initiative will focus on improving comprehension skills for Year 2 pupils and above. We'll also be introducing the Pathways to Spell scheme to ensure consistency in spelling learning (from Y2

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upwards) throughout the school. Looking ahead to the summer term, we plan to roll out the Pathways to Write scheme, which will help our staff with mixed-age planning and give pupils more chances to apply their writing skills.

These changes to our curriculum reflect our commitment to helping our pupils grow academically and personally. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and talk to me.

Best regards,

Kathryn Rees-Wright

Headteacher

Next week's Bible Quote

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Matthew 7.12

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

Monday 27th January PTA online meeting – all welcome

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 Down's 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

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

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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