



## Eccleston C.E. Aided Primary School

*"Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:16*

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great start to the half term with 2 trips already! On Tuesday, the Rabbits class visited the Lowry museum and took part in a fantastic art workshop. On Wednesday, the Year 5 and 6 children attended a free Count on Nature workshop at Northop Hall. The instructor was so impressed by our children's behaviour which is amazing feedback to receive! Well done!

Finlay, our Kixx sports coach, is going to be leading a club on a Monday lunchtime for anyone who would like to attend. This will start next week from 12.30pm-1pm. Children won't need to join up, they can just join in – it will be basketball until we are able to get onto the field where he will coach football.

Ahead of World Book Day, which we are celebrating this Thursday 6th March, public libraries are hosting their highly successful Fancy Dress Swaps again this year from 1st February. Using the scheme could not be easier: donate any unwanted costumes to the library or see what outfits they have and take them for no charge, it's that simple. Participating libraries are Barnton, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Lache, Little Sutton, Neston, Northwich, Sandiway, Weaverham, Wharton and Winsford. And why not use the opportunity to borrow a book or join the library while you're there? Joining a child is free and easy and does not require ID. There are no late charges for Under 13s. **We will be celebrating in school by having a book-themed day with different activities and of course a book swap where children can bring a book in and swap it for another one within their class. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character (please bring a copy of the book with them to share) and/or create a Book in a Box where they can decorate a shoe box to represent their favourite book.**

Badgers and Foxes are having another block of football coaching from Chester FC on Tuesday afternoon with the coach having cancelled so many sessions last half term. Please send your child in wearing their kit (year 6 can wear hoodies) on this day.

On Wednesday morning, Worship will be held in St Mary's Church with Rev'd Steve Torr as it is Ash Wednesday where we start the countdown to Easter.

Arrangements for the end of term – The Easter Bonnet parade will be at 9am on the playground and parents welcome to attend. Unfortunately, if it rains, we will have to hold it in the school hall so there will not be enough room for parents too – apologies. The Church service is at 1.30pm. We anticipate

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that it will finish at 2pm. Children can be collected after the service from school. Play Smart will be open from 2.15pm – 5pm for their craft afternoon for any child who wishes to stay in school.

On St George's Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, any children who would like to wear their Scouting Uniform to gain their Represent badge are more than welcome to.

**I am pleased to announce that between 10th and 21st March, we will be undertaking flood protection work and addressing the car park's condition. I will provide specific dates for any potential alterations to collection procedures once specific days have been confirmed.**

In the summer term, we will trial a new approach to swimming lessons, with the entire Badgers class and non 25m swimmers from Foxes attending sessions at City Baths for six weeks.

We're committed to encouraging a love of reading, and I want to say *a huge thank you* to all the parents who have contributed to our school through the Amazon Wishlist. Your support means a lot, and I invite anyone else who wants to help to check out the links.

Rabbits Book List Feb 2025

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1I897FJMQMWUF?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1I897FJMQMWUF?ref=wl_share)

Squirrels Book List Feb 2025

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/35M25S6ATS4W7?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/35M25S6ATS4W7?ref=wl_share)

Badgers Book List Feb 2025

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2BE352IVA61LA?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2BE352IVA61LA?ref=wl_share)

Foxes Book List Feb 2025

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1PU19GF7UT0QS?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1PU19GF7UT0QS?ref=wl_share)

As we start a new half term, I extend my sincere appreciation for your continued support of our school community. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and talk to me. Fingers crossed that the sunshine continues!

Best regards,

Kathryn Rees-Wright

Headteacher

## Dates

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Collective Worship at St Mary’s lead by Rev’d Torr Ash Wednesday

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Book swap, dress up or design a book in a box

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March PTA Online Meeting – all welcome

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Scholastic Book Fair – **World Book Day Tokens accepted**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day – come to school in Red

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – World Down Syndrome Day – gingerbread socks for £1

Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Closing date for Pulford and Poulton Local History Group competition

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Hospice of the Good Shepherd Bunny Hop

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Eggstravaganza – Easter bonnet and garden competition and Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm - Easter Service in St Mary’s Church Eccleston

7<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April Easter Holiday

22<sup>nd</sup> April - Children return to school

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Pulford and Poulton Local History Group competition presentation

Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> - Collective Worship at St Mary’s lead by Rev’d Torr

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

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATS assessments

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Jeanette Howe in leading Worship

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – May Half Term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - INSET Day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Children return to school

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Collective Worship at St Mary’s lead by Rev’d Torr

Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Parents Evening

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Jeanette Howe in leading Worship

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day Reserve

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last Day and Y6 Leavers’ Service lead by Rev’d Torr