

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 1st November 2024

AUTUMN 2 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY

MULTI SKILLS – YEAR 2

Mr Walker

Starting 4/11/24 for 7 weeks

MAD SCIENCE – YEAR 1-6

Starting 4/11/24 for 6 weeks

TUESDAY

TAG RUGBY – YEAR 5 & 6

Mrs Cranage

Starting 5/11/24 for 5 weeks

WEDNESDAY

DODGEBALL – YEAR 3

Chorley Sports Partnership

Starting 6/11/24 for 6 weeks

THURSDAY

MULTI SKILLS – YEAR 5

Chorley Sports Partnership

Starting 7/11/24 for 6 weeks



WEEKLY UPDATE

What a fabulous week with a wonderful Halloween Disco! A huge thank you to FEPS and all the staff who contributed to making the event such a success. These events could not happen without the contribution of all involved.

Our reception children have celebrated Diwali day today! Look out for pictures on Twitter/X showcasing their day and the amazing experiences they have had. They all looked amazing in their bright colours!

You will notice that our 'Teams' have changed to 'Houses'. The children voted on the inspirational people that they wanted to lead each new House. The artwork has been produced by Mrs Hodgson and soon we will be able to unveil the new House crests in the hall. We have chosen to do this, so that the Houses are led by an inspirational person who links to our school values and to celebrate diversity. The children seem very excited about the change! A huge thank you to Mrs Hodgson for bringing this idea to life so creatively.



Beechbuds

Holly F

Reception

Lilly A

Year 1

Talulah

Year 2

Lylah M

Teacher – Mrs Lancaster

Year 3

Max CB

Year 4

Dexter W

Year 5

Sophia B

Year 6

Oliver W

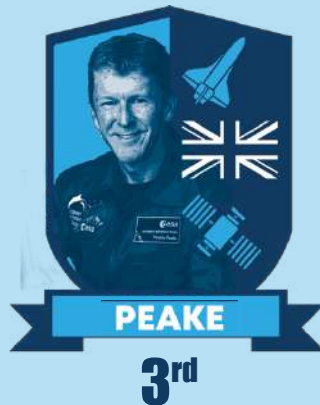
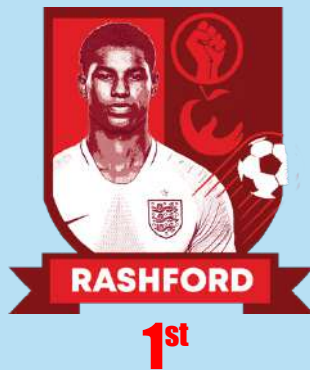
Star of the Week Badges!

We are excited to announce that starting this week, our *Star of the Week* recipients will be receiving custom-made badges to proudly wear and celebrate their achievements. These badges are a special addition to our weekly awards, and we believe they will add an extra sense of pride and accomplishment for our students.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you again to **Mr. and Mrs. Harwood** for their generous donation of the badge-making machine. Their support has made this wonderful initiative possible, and we are truly grateful for their contribution.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW SCHOOL HOUSE



Volunteer Readers Needed for Years 5 and 6!

We're looking for parent volunteers to read with our Year 5 and 6 students. If you have some time to share and a love for reading, we'd love your support! Flexible scheduling available. Please contact the school office to sign up.

Thank you for helping foster a love of reading in our children!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The National average for attendance is 96%

Our school attendance target is for 97%.

whole school 96.15%

Class	This week
Reception	98.9%
Year 1	94.8%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	97.9%



Well done **Reception Class** for great attendance this week! Chip is looking forward to accompanying you in class again next week.

PUMPKIN CRAVING WINNERS

Thank you to all the children that took part in the pumpkin carving competition there were some amazing creations.

Well done to our winners:

Beechbuds - Niamh N

Reception - Ida

Y1 - Lottie Firth

Y2 - Ren G

Y3 - Jack H

Y4 - Austin R

Y5 - Reuben S

Y6 - Poppy B



READERS OF THE WEEK

Well done to all the children that won Reader of the Week today! Please can we remind everyone to take great care of their home reading books so they remain in good condition. Please return your reading bag with reading pal and book by next Thursday. Thank you.



Please don't forget to send your pictures and comments to wearereaders@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU – Week Commencing 4th November

WEEK 2	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH 	Italian Pizza, served with potato wedges	Bonfire Beef Burger 	Chicken Korma, served with Rice & Naan Bread	Roast Gammon with Roasties & Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN DISH 2	Quorn Meat & Potato Pie	Flaming Hot Dog 	Pasta Bolognaise with Garlic Bread	Fish Finger Barm, with Herby Potatoes	Sausage Roll Chicken Nuggets
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Sweetcorn & Beans Salad bar	Peas & carrots Salad bar	Green Beans & Sweetcorn Salad bar	Broccoli & Carrots Salad bar	Potato Wedges, Peas & Beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Flapjack	Toffee Apple Surprise	Fruit Crumble & Custard	Homemade Cookie	Fresh Fruit Friday
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	



Try something NEW today...
Variety is key to a healthy diet.

MENU

KEY  - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY  - MEAT-FREE MONDAY  - CHEF'S CHOICE  - PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

Allergens and intolerances All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.



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Could You Become a Home Start Volunteer?

- Do you or a family member have 2-3 hours per week to spare?
- Do you have parenting experience or experience with children?
- Do you want to give something back to our local community?
- Do you have skills, knowledge or talents that could benefit another family in need of support?

If so get in touch today about volunteering with Home-Start Central Lancashire

Available Roles

In-Home Support Volunteer: Providing hands on support within the family home over a 12 week period to work towards aims and goals. Full training is provided.

Social Media Content Volunteer: We are looking for a talented social media content writer to enhance our social media platforms and to engage with followers.

Befriending Volunteers: to offer telephone companionship to families in the local area, who have been identified as requiring support.

Administration Volunteers: To assist the office manager and family support team, answer calls and administration duties

Get in touch with us



volmanager@homestartcentrallancs.org.uk



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Volunteer Qualities

- Must be over 18 years old to volunteer
- Have a positive attitude and a caring nature
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Passionate about supporting, enabling and empowering people who are vulnerable, isolated or in need of support
- Have a non-judgemental attitude to working with people of any, gender, family status, sexual identity, ethnic origin, culture, religion or disability.
- You must understand that some of our families are vulnerable, and it would be an advantage if you had an awareness of key issues such as alcohol, drug abuse and mental health; however, this is not a compulsory requirement as training is provided.
- You must always apply the strictest confidence with regard to the sensitivity of those that you are supporting.
- You must be able to provide a clear DBS, if you do not have a current certificate this can be applied for.

Training and on going support for volunteers

Volunteers are thoroughly trained and supported before and during their time supporting families. You can expect:

- Self-directed and instructor-led induction program training, that is delivered both online and in person.
- Ongoing training in specific areas including trauma-informed practice, domestic violence, abuse, and attachment theory.
- Annual refresher training to ensure you are up to date with all statutory requirements
- Regular support and supervision sessions with an experienced family support coordinator
- Paid expenses when you complete your training and are actively supporting a family within their home

Areas we cover: Chorley, Preston, South Ribble and West Lancashire



To find about volunteering or to complete an expression of interest please scan the QR code which will take you to our website.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY SOUTH

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2025 and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 15 January 2025

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call 01772 532109.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click 'school admission policies'.

lancashire.gov.uk



LIVE PARENT/CARER SLEEP WEBINAR



Sleep is a **SUPER** Power

We all need sleep, and some of us would like even more of it!

This webinar aims to provide an overview for parents/carers on the purpose of sleep, the impact of poor sleep, and advice and strategies to improve sleep and overcome some common sleep difficulties. The strategies may be applied to both adults and children and young people.

When:



Thursday 28th November 6pm – 7pm

Sounds, great? Sign me up!

Register for our webinars using the following link or scan our QR Code:



<https://bit.ly/SleepWebinar2024>



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incorporating
Beechbuds Pre-School

OPEN DAY

resilience

resourcefulness

kindness

Wednesday 9th October

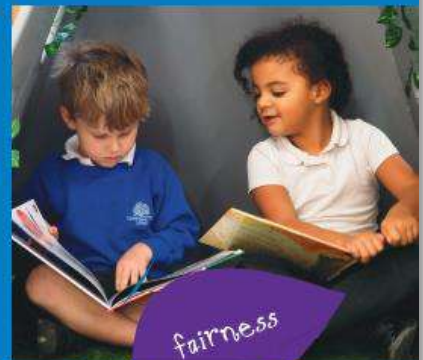
Evening **5.30pm - 6.30pm**

Thursday 14th November

Morning **9.30am - 10.30am**

Thursday 12th December

Afternoon **1.30pm - 2.30pm**



fairness

relationships

No booking required just come along!

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Good
Provider

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LAKESIDE FIREWORKS PRESENTS

HESK WINTER FEST 2024



1 TICKET...

2 DISPLAYS...

3 MORE REASONS TO JOIN US THIS BONFIRE!



2nd November 2024

FROM 5PM - 9PM

HESKIN HALL

WOOD LANE, HESKIN, CHORLEY, PR7 5PA

FOOD, MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, AND TWO FIREWORK DISPLAYS!

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+ BOOKING FEES... SOOORRY!

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SPARKLE AND SHINES FACES

TEA REEF

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KICK ASS CHEDDER

TROPIC BY TRACY

OLIVE AND DIXIE

STRIPEY CAT CRAFTS

CODIE'S CANDY

DRAGONS DESTINY



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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