

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 29th November 2024

SCHOOL'S KEY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER

4 Wed Christmas Fair



PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM RAIL

We are pleased to announce the introduction of a **Pre-Loved School Uniform Rail**, which will be available in the school office at the end of every school day. This is a fantastic opportunity to pick up pre-loved school jumpers and cardigans for a small donation. All proceeds will go towards supporting school projects and initiatives.

If you have any outgrown school uniform items with the new logo that are still in good condition, we would greatly appreciate your donations to help us keep the rail stocked. Simply drop these items off at the school office at your convenience.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Another very busy week has come and gone. We have had a number of inspirational visitors this week, who have led assemblies with our children. On Monday, Compass Bloom, who support mental health and wellbeing, talked to our children about looking after their mental health. We were lucky enough to have a visit from our local MP, Paul Foster, on Thursday morning. He talked to our children about the workings of parliament and what his job is like. Visits from people who have interesting jobs really help inspire our children - if you can see it, you can be it. We would love to encourage more people to come and speak to our children about their line of work. If you, or someone you know, has the time to speak to our children about their job, we would love to have you in. Please get in touch if this is something you would be interested in doing.

We are really looking forward to the Christmas Fair! If anyone would like to get involved, running a stall or tidying up, please let the office know. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated by all.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Todd



Staff – Mrs Mansfield
Mrs Edwards

Beechbuds – Alina B
Reception – Ida D
Year 1 – Sadie N
Year 2 – Carra G

Year 3 – Eleonora Z
Year 4 – Max F
Year 5 – Elsie A
Year 6 – Sophia EB



HOUSES POINTS



THUNBERG

3rd



RASHFORD

2nd



STOREY

4th



PEAKE

1st

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The National average for attendance is 96%

Our school attendance target is for 97%.

whole school 95.83%

Class	This week
Reception	94.5%
Year 1	95.97%
Year 2	95.24%
Year 3	96.81%
Year 4	95.39%
Year 5	96.24%
Year 6	95.72%

Well done **Year 3** for great attendance this week! Chip is looking forward to accompanying you in class all next week.

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



SERVING UP A CRACKER

this Festive Season

Main

Traditional Roast Turkey

Served with sage and onion stuffing, chipolata sausage, roast and potatoes, baton carrots, garden peas and Brussel sprouts topped with a tasty gravy

Vegetarian Option

Mushroom Wellington, with all the trimmings

Dessert

Selection of festive desserts

POTATOES

SPROUTS

CARROTS

PEAS

Serving up a festive feast...

Eccleston Primary School
Thursday 12th December

FEPS presents the
Eccleston Primary School

Christmas FAIR

Fun, Magic, and Joy for the Whole Family!

Food, Drink, Games, Raffle, Choir & a VERY special guest!

4/12/2024

5 PM to 7 PM

Eccleston Primary School
Doctors lane

ADULTS
£1 entry

NEXT WEEKS SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Italian Pizza, served with potato wedges	Toad in the Hole, with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Chicken Korma, served with Rice & Naan Bread	Roast Gammon with Roasties & Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN DISH 2	Quorn Meat & Potato Pie	Vegetable & Chicken Pie	Pasta Bolognese 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	Chocolate Cake	Flapjack	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

- 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.



Join us for some festive fun with the ELF Run!



RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE RENOVATION OF OUR LEARNING LODGE FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER

We are excited to announce a fun and festive event taking place at school on Friday, 13th December - our Sponsored Elf Run!

This event promises to be a joyful way for our children to stay active, spread festive cheer, and raise money.

On the day, children will have the opportunity to run, walk, skip, dance, or even hop their way through a one-mile course around the school track. To add to the festive spirit, children are encouraged to wear elf hats, which will help transform our track into a magical scene of Christmas cheer.

The Sponsored Elf Run is not only a chance for the children to have fun but also an opportunity to raise funds to support the renovation of our outdoor learning lodge. We kindly ask for your support in helping your child find sponsors for their participation. Sponsorship forms will be sent home with your child, and we appreciate any contributions made to this initiative.



Choose fun at



HOLIDAY CLUB

Ofsted Registered

**23rd & 24th
December
2024**

**7:30am -
6:00pm**

**2nd & 3rd
January
2025**

**3-12
years**

Christmas Holidays

**Eccleston Primary School
Doctors lane
Eccleston
PR7 5RA**

**A menu of
50+ activities!**

Book online at www.fun-fest.co.uk

**Enquiries to 07392 790727 or
chorleyoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk**



Help to keep your child safe on the roads



A number of children are killed or seriously injured on Lancashire's roads each year and you have a part to play in helping to keep your child safe on the roads.

Parents and carers play an important role in teaching children about **road safety**. Even from a young age it's essential to set a good example.

Walking is good for **health and fitness** and it's important for children to enjoy being outside and **active**. However, there are plenty of things you can do as a parent to help keep your child as **safe** as possible.

Did you know?



Every week, on average 12 children aged 0-15 are injured or killed on the roads in Lancashire, Blackburn and Blackpool



68% of child casualties seriously injured or killed in this age group were pedestrians



A significant number of young child pedestrian casualties were accompanied by an adult at the time they were killed or injured



Research shows that young children can't judge how fast vehicles are going or how far away they are



The most common cause of children being killed or seriously injured on the roads in this area is a child stepping or running into the road suddenly into the path of a vehicle



Children aged 11-12 are particularly vulnerable as pedestrians when they move to high school and start travelling independently

What you can do

- Children are taught about the dangers of the road in school but parents and carers need to help put this knowledge into practice.
- Lead by example - children will learn behaviours from you - if you take risks on the road, they will too.
- Practice road safety skills throughout a child's life and make sure they have the skills to stay safe when they move to secondary school.
- Where possible use a pedestrian crossing, wait for the green man & make eye contact with drivers.
- Always make sure that traffic has stopped before you cross at a pedestrian crossing.
- Don't use a mobile phone when walking with children, especially when crossing roads.

Early Years (0-5)

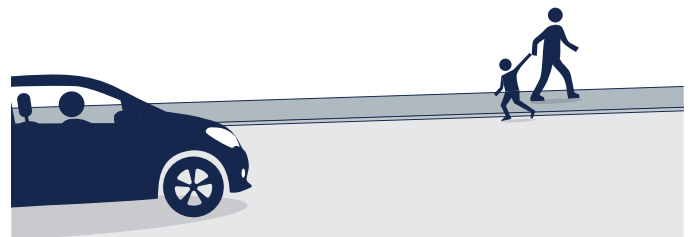
- Let children walk on the inside of the footpath away from the edge of the road.
- Ask your children to hold onto a pram if you can't hold their hand. If your child has a tendency to let go of your hand consider using reins.
- When stopping to cross the road, stand well back from the edge of the road, keeping your pushchair back too.
- Don't let children run ahead of you or lag behind where you can't see them.
- At home keep your doors and garden gates securely shut.

Primary School (6-10)

- Try to reinforce the following key messages when out and about with your child:
 - Stop, Look, Listen and Think (starting in a safe place and going straight across the road).
 - Always wear bright and conspicuous clothing.
 - Never play near the road and keep away from junctions and parked cars.
 - Where possible, always cross the road with a School Crossing Patrol or using a pedestrian crossing.
- Try to avoid crossing between parked cars, on sharp bends or close to the top of a hill. Move to a space where drivers and riders can see you clearly.
- Always try to ensure that your children get out of the vehicle on the pavement side.
- As children get older start to give them responsibilities:
 - Identify a place to cross
 - Press the button at the crossing
 - Do up their own seat belt
 - Be a role model to younger siblings

Secondary School (11-16)

- Tell your children to give all their attention to crossing the road.
- Remove head phones, put your phone in your pocket and don't mess about with, or be distracted by your mates. Look out for each other.
- Always look out for yourself - don't just follow someone else.
- Talk to your child about the safest routes to and from their destinations (help them to plan if necessary and do a trial run together).
- Talk to your child about what to do if their normal transport doesn't work out (missed the bus etc.).
- Encourage your children not to hang about near the roads after school. If they want to spend time with their friends, encourage them to go somewhere safe.
- Talk to your children about how to behave at bus stops:
 - Don't block the pavements
 - Don't stand too close to the kerb (in case they are pushed)
 - Consider vulnerable bus users by allowing them to embark and disembark the bus first



Let's
LOOK OUT
for each
other

Developed by Lancashire County Council on behalf of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership

The Lancashire Road Safety Partnership covers Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool. The partners work together to reduce casualties on Lancashire's roads and make people feel safe.



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

97

DAYS

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION

13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

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.



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