



Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter 13

11th December 2020



**Our Motto is:
Believe & Achieve**

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Phil 4:13

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded a **Bronze** Certificate for achieving 50 house points so far this academic year:-
Year 5 Harry, Connie, Holly A

Reminders/Information for next week:-

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| Monday 14th | Christmas Dinner |
| Tuesday 15th | Christingles (within Bubbles) |
| Wednesday 16th | Year 3 and Year 4 Party Day |
| Thursday 17th | Year 5 and Year 6 Party Day |
| Friday 18th | Infants' Party Day Year 3 and Year 4 attending Crib Service at Church (<u>wear sensible shoes and coat</u>). Carol Service (within Bubbles) Break Up at 2.00 pm |

- Please note, pupils may wear their party outfits on their party day but please ensure they have sensible shoes and a coat with them.**
- There will be no After School Care Club on our last day and we break up at the earlier time of:-**
Juniors 1.55 pm
Infants 2.00 pm



Wednesday 16th December is the last day to post your Christmas cards. Please remember only 1 card to class and not individuals. Thank you.



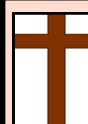
We still have a few remaining Gingerbread decorations and a couple of Santas available. £2.00 each, all proceeds to Derian House.



Thank you for supporting Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day. We all looked very festive and had a wonderful time raising funds for this Charity and The Children's Society. We will advise how much we have raised asap.



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| Congratulations to this week's Shining Stars:- |
| ★ Reception Thea Olivia |
| ★ Year 1 Thomas B Ben |
| ★ Year 2 Whole Class |
| ★ Year 3 Amelia Ben |
| ★ Year 4 Alex Nathan |
| ★ Year 5 Harry Tegan |
| ★ Year 6 Ruben Molly |
| Winning House Lostock |



OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR IS HOPE

This term our Christian Value is Hospitality and our British Value is Democracy

On Sunday, 13th December, St. Lucia Day is celebrated throughout Sweden, Norway, and Finland. The St Lucia Day festival celebrates the idea of light overcoming darkness. The name Lucia means light.

Lord, help us to be light in darkness, to know we are called to carry the light of Christ to a world in need, to our families and to our communities. Help us to see the many opportunities given us each day to be a light in darkness. We offer this prayer in Jesus name.
Amen





Year 2 have been rehearsing their part for our Nativity. All the classes were filmed on Wednesday and we think you will be in for a treat; on the whole all went to plan! Thank you so much to families who have sent in donations to go towards our production costs. Unfortunately not everyone has and therefore we are keeping our fingers crossed that we will hopefully break even after all expenses. To give you an idea of costs, a USB stick is approx £2.40 and a DVD approx 15p, plus the filming cost. Therefore, if you haven't sent in a donation and would like to do so, we would be extremely grateful.



Mrs Gates has very kindly made and donated a supply of face masks to school. These are available to purchase at a suggested donation of £1 and all proceeds will go to school fund. There are various designs available such as Harry Potter, Paddington, Winnie the Pooh, Mary Poppins, Peter Rabbit, Lady & The Tramp, Mickey Mouse & Marvel.

If you would like to purchase one of these, please send your donation into school in an envelope. Thank you.



We gave Tom a great send off on Thursday after school. We think he was really pleased and he did say he would miss us as much as we will miss him.

Good luck Tom and thank you so much for being a super school crossing man!



Reception Class September 2021

Nursery pupils/Primary school admissions: If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery, you can now apply for their primary school place at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It is quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2021 is 23.59 on 15th January 2021.

We have been very busy showing prospective parents around our school recently (all at the end of the school day and with sanitising/social distancing in place). It is much more difficult to show off our fantastic school during these times, so if you know of anyone looking for a place for their child for Reception class 2021, please encourage them to make an appointment as we would love to show them around. We also have our new film on the school website they may find encouraging.



Sports and Social Clubs Running at the moment.....

Thursday

Lunchtime

Guitars

Items we recycle:-

Batteries (domestic only—this includes laptop batteries).

Stamps

Please send into school with your child and we will pass on for recycling/charity.

Letters home—via email

What you need to know about...

VIDEO STREAMING APPS & SITES

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What are they? ‘Video Streaming Apps & Sites’

Video streaming apps and sites can allow people to share activities and hobbies with others in real time or watch their favourite films and TV shows online. There are different types of video streaming services. Twitch is used for watching others play video games in real time; you can watch YouTube live and watch Netflix, Amazon Prime or Apple TV with friends and family. Video streaming has gained popularity in the last few years because there is a sense of community when watching with others and people can comment on videos and ask questions in real-time.



Know the Risks

Inappropriate videos

When watching on video streaming apps, it is difficult to filter the content that is out there. For instance, when a child is watching a YouTube video, they will get recommendations for other similar videos. The risk is even higher with videos which are live, as children could be watching inappropriate content in real time.



Chatting with strangers

Video streaming apps or sites increase the risk of children communicating with strangers online. For example, most YouTube videos allow users to comment on the video. Whilst children could be watching something innocent, the comments section can be used by groomers to try and direct them towards private messaging.



Binge-watching

Children can easily fall into ‘binge-watching’ on video streaming apps which can impact on sleep, mood and their ability to concentrate on other things. The autoplay function can make it difficult to find time for a break and often the recommended content is similar to what children are already watching based on the algorithms used.



Screen addiction

In addition to binge-watching, most video streaming apps are available across all devices with an internet connection which can mean increased screen time. Popular apps, such as Netflix and Amazon Prime, have huge libraries of content which can mean hours of viewing time and potentially less time spent on learning, playing outside or interaction with friends and family.



Safety Tips

Check age-ratings



Ensure that children are at the right age to use the app. Most video streaming apps require users to be at least 13 years old. Be clear on what apps and sites children can use. Encourage them to never participate in online discussions that are offensive and never interact with strangers or people they don't trust.

Change privacy settings

Check the privacy setting of children's app. Ensure that for whichever app they are using, the settings are set to private and disable comments if applicable. Furthermore, set screen time restrictions via the app or the device to limit children's use.

Implement parental controls

Activate parental controls on your child's devices and apps. This will prevent them from accessing content they shouldn't. For instance, on Netflix, create a kids profile. This way they will only be able to view videos appropriate for their age group. Likewise, use YouTube Kids over YouTube or apply restrictions and turn off features such as autoplay.

Spend time on the app

Before allowing children to access a video streaming app, spend some time browsing through its content. Familiarise yourself with how it works, what content is available and what your child wants to watch. Check-in regularly and ask what they enjoy watching and how it makes them feel.

Action & Support

Report inappropriate content

If a child comes across inappropriate content or something that makes them feel uncomfortable on an app such as YouTube, you can report the content and the person who has uploaded the content to the platform. If a stranger is looking to engage with your child, block them and report them.



Have an open and honest conversation

Adults can review the TV shows and films that have been watched many video streaming apps. If a child seems upset or shocked by something they have seen or if you are concerned about anything they've viewed, try to talk to them about it and have an open and honest conversation to help understand any concerns.



Encourage other activities

If you think a child is spending too much time on a video streaming app, try to foster their interest in other activities or hobbies away from their device. Encourage them to get outdoors, play with friends, play board games or just simply spend more time together with you.



Our Expert

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Parven Kaur is social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks; a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.