

MENU FOR WEEK BEGINNING 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BANGERS AND MASH OR BBQ CHICKEN WRAP OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	CHICKEN KORMA OR HOT PANINI OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	PIZZA OR MEATBALLS IN TOMATO SAUCE OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	ROAST TURKEY OR LASAGNE OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	<b>CHIP SHOP FRIDAY!</b> A CHOICE OF FISH OF THE DAY JUMBO SAUSAGE CHICKEN DIPPERS OR PIE OF THE DAY  ALL SERVED WITH CHIPS & PEAS AND A CHOICE OF GRAVY OR CURRY SAUCE

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE.

A selection of vegetables and/or salad will be available each day. After their main meal the children will have a choice of desserts which will include fresh fruit or yoghurt. Please note the items on the above menu are subject to deliveries etc. and may have to be changed at short notice. The government have made funding available for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to enable them to have a school dinner free of charge, all your child has to do is choose their dinner at morning registration. For all other children to book a school dinner just send in £2.20.

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

Every week, one child in each class is chosen and celebrated in our celebration assembly for particular hard work, effort or something special. Each week we will share the winners with you...

- Sycamore— All of Sycamore
- Willow—Emma Lingard
- Cedar— Ruby Garner
- Maple— Hollie Mather
- Chestnut— Monty Lakeland
- Rowan— Joey Lucas
- Oak— Oliva Noble-Patel

**Mr Wilkins' Magic Moment**

*I read a chapter of my favourite children's book, The Fib, to the Year 4 children yesterday who were all attentive, interested and exceptionally accurate with their predictions as to what will happen next. "Did you enjoy that?" I asked them at the end. "Yes." They replied "But you did read it to us in assembly last year!" they added.*

**Inspirational Quote**

*"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, but learning to dance in the rain."* VIVIAN GREENE

*We value.... we encourage....we expect*

**ECCLESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**THE HOTSPOT FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER**

**Welcome Back**

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break—most people I've spoken to are pleased school has reopened after the summer which I think is a good thing!

Life in school has started wonderfully. There has been a lot of work taken place over the break with a new hall floor, new blinds throughout school and a complete refurbishment of Beechbuds to coincide with it now offering full-time care. Much more has been developed and you'll be welcome to come and take a look oWednesday as we open school and your children's classrooms up after school for you to visit.

It's lovely to see you and your children again after the six week break and I'm excited for the year ahead which promises to be fabulous.

We also welcome our new Reception children who have settled in superbly as well as a splattering of new children around school.

We welcome all new families to life at Eccleston Primary School and I look forward to getting to know you all.

**CLASS CALL IN**

**We will be opening school up next Wednesday, 13th September for you to visit your child's class, meet your child's new teacher and have a wander around school. This is an informal event where your child will be your guide. We will be dismissing the children as normal to ensure all children are safe and accounted for and then reopen the doors of school for you. We will be open until 5pm. If you cannot make this day and time, then you are welcome any other time to pop in to see your child's classroom and have a wander around school.**

**BOOK SWAP**

The Book Swap Sheds by the picnic benches at the side of school by Year 6 are now open...well, one of them is. The children are invited to bring a book in from home that they no longer want, and swap it with a book from the shed. This is not supervised but all children pass these sheds at some point throughout the day at which point they may swap their book. You may even want to spend time with your child before or after school, looking in the shed and choosing a book together. There are books for all ages and interests of children.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We will soon be deciding on our school councillors for the forthcoming year for children in Year 1—Year 6. If your son/daughter is interested in either of these roles, then we ask them to put together a speech to present to their class to say why they would be the best choice. We ask them to do this at home as we want to ensure that the children are committed to the roles. Speeches will be taking place in individual classes on Monday, 18th September.

## School Uniform

I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone for supporting our drive on school uniform. Just walking around school, the children look really smart and there's an increased pride throughout school. Your efforts and support are appreciated.

## OPEN AFTERNOON AND EVENING -WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER

If you are looking at schools for a place in 2018 or beyond then you are welcome to come and look around the school from 1:30-3pm or from 6-7:30pm.

Alternatively, you are welcome to contact school and I will be more than happy to show you around the school at a time suitable to you and discuss any enquiries that you might have.

Current parents are also welcome to see your children at work during these times—what better way for new parents to make their decisions about schools than to talk to current parents and pupils!

More information will follow about this, but please mention this to anyone that you know might be interested in attending.

## BEECHBUDS PRE-SCHOOL — ALL NEW!

As of last Monday, Beechbuds has now changed from sessional care to full-time. This means that we are now open for pre-school children from 7:45am-5:45pm with flexible sessional times.

We have also completely refurbished Beechbuds with new flooring, blinds, painting, storage, furniture and resources. It looks and feels great!

If you want more information, just contact myself or Lorna Sunter and we will be happy to show you the area and discuss your requirements. At just £3.10 an hour, I am confident that you won't find a better pre-school with as skilled staff at such a good hourly rate. And if you're not a prospective parent, feel free to pop in and have a nose at the changes!

Kelvin Wilkins—Beechbuds Director—[head@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk)  
Lorna Sunter—Beechbuds Manager—[ldickinson@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ldickinson@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk)

## LEARNING MENUS

Learning Menus have gone out tonight with the first half term of homework. All homework is linked to the topic that your children are working on and there are plenty of different ideas for you to choose and work on. There is explanation on how to complete the homework in the front of the book and ideas on how to present it in the back. The message I would like to pass on is that it is for you to interpret how you choose and should you wish to divert from the activities or create some of your own linked to the topic, then great. We just want children working positively with their families, learning a range of skills at home as well as school.

After feedback from the parent forum, you will now have the half term week to work on the homework as we will be collecting the homework in and showcasing it after this week off.

## FEPS (Our very own PTFA)

### AGM—MONDAY, 11th SEPTMEBR, 7pm in SCHOOL

We will be hosting our AGM this Monday, 11th September at 7pm in school.

Everyone is welcome to attend so please come along and join us. We are looking for new members to join our committee so please let us know if you are interested.

**Don't worry if you don't know anyone or just have a general curiosity, you will be made very welcome and can get as much or as little involved as you wish with no pressure.**

**If you can't make the meeting but would like to get involved, please get in touch with [sharond71@hotmail.com](mailto:sharond71@hotmail.com) or [lucybee1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lucybee1@hotmail.co.uk)**

## MUSICAL SHOWCASE

Eccleston Musical Showcase will be taking place at St. Agnes' Church on Friday, 13th October at 7:30pm and children are invited to play in the showcase if they are proficient with an instrument. For more information, contact Joanne Atherton of Jo Violin on 07913876077 or [jo@joviolin.co.uk](mailto:jo@joviolin.co.uk) or ask in school for an application form.

## Eccleston Primary School

### Term Time Dates - 2017/2018

#### Autumn Term 2017

Starts: Friday 1 September 2017

Half term: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November 2017

Term Ends: Friday 22 December 2017

INSET: Friday 1 September 2017 (School Closed)

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#### Spring Term 2018

Starts: Monday 8 January 2018

Half term: Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February 2018

Term Ends: Friday 23 March 2018

INSET: Monday 8 January 2018 (School Closed)

#### Summer Term 2018

Starts: Monday 9 April 2018

May Day: Monday 7 May 2018

Half term: Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June 2018

Term Ends: Friday 20 July 2018

INSET: Thursday 3 May 2018 (Polling Day - School Closed)

INSET: Friday 4 May 2018 (School Closed)

With holidays in mind, we ask that you support school and your children by planning holidays out of term time.

Many thanks for your support.

## Upcoming Significant Dates

Fri 8th Sept	Learning Menus Given Out
Mon 11th Sept	Swimming—Year 5
Mon 11th Sept	FEPS (PTFA) AGM—7pm at School — Anyone welcome
Wed 13th Sept	Class Call-in 3:30-5pm
Mon 18th Sept	Swimming—Year 6
Mon 18th Sept	School Council Speeches
Tues 19th Sept	School Council Elections
Wed 27th Sept	Jeans for Genes Day
Fri 29th Sept	Parent Forum—9am in School
Fri 29th Sept	Non-Uniform Day
Tue 3rd Oct	Class Photographs
Tue 3rd Oct	Miss Grimes' Mystery Morning
Wed 4th Oct	Learning Menu Check-in
Thurs 5th Oct	Open Afternoon and Open Evening
Friday 6th Oct	Year 3 Family Assembly
Tues 14th Nov	Parents' Evening (1 of 2)
Wed 15th Nov	Parents' Evening (2 of 2)

## PARENT FORUM

Last year we started a group of parents that I met with half termly to discuss issues in school and ways to improve the provision for your children. Due to its incredible success, we will be continuing it this year and I invite any other interested parents to join the group—anyone is welcome but we are particularly looking for a representative from our new Reception parents. It's a friendly, non-threatening meeting where all opinions are valued. If you want to attend or want more information then please contact me. Meeting take place on Friday at 9am on six occasions throughout the year and last just an hour.