

MENU FOR WEEK BEGINNING 8TH JANUARY 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	SAUSAGE AND CHIPS OR CHEESE AND TOMATO PASTA OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	PIZZA OR CHEESE AND TOMATO PASTA OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	ROAST TURKEY OR BOLOGNESE PASTA 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
 <p>VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE .</p>				

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

**As the nights are darker now, please ensure your children are happy and safe walking home alone.**

**Mr Wilkins' Magic Moment**

*I'm not going to mention the name on this occasion, but children really don't keep secrets. "My mum's getting white hair", the boy (clue) announced to me at lunch time.*

*Start quizzing your children....*

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

**ECCLESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**THE HOTSPOT THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER**

Check out our new website—[www.eccleston.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.eccleston.lancs.sch.uk)

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



On behalf of everyone at Eccleston Primary School, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all our best wishes for a happy and healthy start to the New Year.

It's always both exciting and terrifying the prospect of a new year, you never know what tomorrow will bring but as a school we are delighted with where we are at and the direction we are going in.

We look forward to new adventure, new learning and building on the great work already going on at school.

I hope that the new year brings you good fortune and we thank you once again for your kindness and support—our partnership is one of the great strengths of the school.

**Infant Family Learning Course—Free**

**Tuesday, 16th January, 3:30pm-5pm. 3 weeks here at school!**

On partnership with Lancashire Adult Learning we are running a 3 week course here in school (see attachment) to support you in understanding how we use ICT to enhance your child's learning and how you can help at home. It is a great opportunity and no skills or experience are required.

Depending upon the success of this course, we are hopeful of running more free courses and ask that you support us by booking a place.

If you are interested, please email me at [head@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk)

Please don't leave it until after Christmas as it may get lost in the business of Christmas—book your place today.

If childcare is an issues then we will support you by putting your children in after school club at no cost.

## Chorley FM—Year 4 Christmas Sing

Year 4 children were radio stars last Sunday as their recording of 3 festive songs was aired on Chorley FM at 2pm.

The singing will be replayed this Sunday, Christmas Eve, at 2pm once again. Listen out for their wonderfully broad Chorley accents resonating through the radio!

Well done children—another example of doing the school proud. Which leads me to this week's inspirational quote...

### Inspirational Quote

*"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by singing Loud for all to Hear."*

**Buddy the Elf.**

### Mystery Morning

Please note that there will be no Mystery Morning on Tuesday, 9th January as it's the first day back after the Christmas holiday.

### Christmas Contact

Should you need to contact me over the Christmas period for any reason then I will be checking my emails daily—maybe not on Christmas Day.  
head@eccleston.lancs.sch.uk

### Hand Sanitisers

We now have hand sanitisers up around school at every door leading to the hall. These are alcohol and fragrance free and we're educating the children to use these in addition to washing their hands, not as a replacement. We will also be having a deep clean over the Christmas period so that school is clean, sparkling and germ free for our return.

### Christmas Gifts

Thank you for all of the cards and gifts that have come into school. I'd personally like to thank parents and children for what I have received and I am sure the staff will say their own personal thank you.

If you don't recognise me in January, I will be the one that will need both doors to be opened in the entrance to fit me in to school after the chocolate I intend to get through.

### It's hard work at Christmas!

A lot is made of Christmas in schools and there is a perception that Christmas starts and learning finishes early. This has not been the case and great, focused work has continued right up to the very last day. Meanwhile, the children have enjoyed the build up to Christmas with some Christmas singing, a lovely Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day and some Christmas games, finished by the arrival of a Christmas show in school this afternoon. I thank the staff for their continued focus and the children for their continued efforts and behaviour despite the excitement that Christmas brings.

### Upcoming Significant Dates

Tues 9th Jan  
Mon 15th Jan  
Tues 16th Jan

School Re-opens  
FEPs meeting  
Family learning session

### Bill Mann

As a school, we'd like to pass on our Congratulations to Mr Bill Mann, head of Eccleston St.Mary's who has retired as headteacher after countless years service to the school and to the area in general. He is fabulous man who has led the school magnificently and we wish him well for whatever his future brings.

We also wish Mrs Birchall, his Predecessor, every success in her new role in the school.

### Applying for a Primary School Place

If you are looking for a Primary School place for next September (2018) then you have until 15th January, 2018 to apply. Click on the following link to apply for a place

<https://schooladmissions.lancashire.gov.uk/admissions512/prefs.php>

If you would like to look around the school or know anyone who does, simply ask them to phone or email school and I will be happy to show them around.

### Uneven Flags

There are a few slightly uneven flags around the path on the way into school by the traversing wall. This whole side of school is in the process of being relevelled and drainage installed to combat this and the flooding that occurs here. We have looked at putting cones by these flags as a temporary measure but this will only impede prams. We have a strict rule in school that children never run along this path so ask that you don't allow the children to do it in your care, purely for their safety. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK..

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PART OF THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD?

**Miss Grimes:** Going to get the turkey

**Mrs Whitcombe:** The anticipation of Christmas Eve

**Mrs Hartle:** Turkey and stuffing butties at 7pm on Christmas night

**Mrs Airey:** Mince pies

**Miss Sanders:** When it's all over!

