



# Homework

**Thank you once again for your wonderful efforts with the homework— despite the consistently high standard, I continue to be amazed by the quality of the work that has come in.**

**Thank you for your hard work and keen efforts with your children.**

**The next Learning Menus will be going out next Friday but will be without a 'Check-in' date as this is not deemed necessary as it is a short half term.**

## **SATs Meeting—Year 6 Parents** **Tuesday, 16th January, 3:30pm**

On Tuesday 16th January, 3:30pm, we invite you to school for an introduction into the SATs testing that will be taking place for your child in May. It will be held by Mrs Cranage in the Year 6 classroom and will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the SATs week, the format of the tests and will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have.

We encourage someone to attend where possible, yet for anyone that can't attend, you are welcome to arrange to meet with Mrs Cranage at a suitable time. All children will receive a free gift...educationally based, of course!

Children may also attend if childcare is an issue.

**This winners of the attendance award for this week are...  
Sycamore and Willow with 100%**



## **ECCLESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**THE HOTSPOT FRIDAY 12th JANUARY**



### **Happy New Year!**

Christmas and New Years celebrations seem a long time ago now, but I'd like to wish you all the very best for the New Year and hope you had a wonderful break...if indeed you got one!

The new term has started well and it's great to see the children once again—in fine form too.

This term promises to be busy and exciting with plenty of fun and stimulating learning and incentives beyond the curriculum.

We welcome you back and are always available should you have anything that you wish to discuss or share with us.

### **Infant Family Learning Course—Free**

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

**In partnership with Lancashire Adult Learning, we are running a 3 week course here in school 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)**

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

**STILL PLACES AVAILABLE—CONTACT US NOW!**

### **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.

Mellors Catering Services are currently recruiting for a:

### Catering Assistant

Mellors Catering Services is the first choice contract caterer in the north for catering in the business, industry and education sectors. If you would like to work for a family run business within a catering role, we would love to hear from you.

#### **Job Details:**

Environment: Ecclestone Primary

Hours: 10 hours per week (11.30am and 1.30pm Mon-Fri)

Basic Rate of Pay: £7.50 per hour (equated)

Contract: Permanent, term time only working 38.8 weeks per year

Contract Start Date: ASAP

Accountable To: Catering Manager

Required to wear uniform as per company guidelines

As a Catering Assistant your overall role is to work as part of a team to prepare and serve meals to our customers. Additional duties include general kitchen duties, preparation of dining area and adhering to food hygiene and health and safety regulations.

Current enhanced DBS check is essential for this role.

To apply please send your CV if you would like to join our team to Sue at

[elainel@mellors.co.uk](mailto:elainel@mellors.co.uk)

[julieh@mellors.co.uk](mailto:julieh@mellors.co.uk)

If you have access to the internet a full job description is available on the vacancies section of our website, please visit [www.mellorscatering.co.uk](http://www.mellorscatering.co.uk)



## Blackburn Rovers Potential Appearance

We send our best wishes to our football team who, having progressed through the initial round, have the chance to play on the pitch at Ewood Park at half time tomorrow should they come first or second in the morning tournament. The winners of this will represent Blackburn Rovers in a national tournament, eventually leading to Wembley.

Feel free to get yourself a ticket to support the boys in case they make it. If not, Blackburn Rovers could do with the support anyway!!!



## Non-Uniform Day—Someone's Rubbish is Another Person's Treasure

As part of our efforts to gather prizes for our regular FEPS events, we will be having our monthly non-uniform day on Friday 26th January. On this occasion, we ask that you send in an unwanted present left over from Christmas...we won't tell if you don't! If you were happy with everything that came your way, we ask if you can send in a donation of £1. Many thanks!

## Maths Books — Going to a good home!

We have had a huge sort out within school and are sending home some Maths text books that are no longer used. They have been offered to the children and are theirs to keep and work through in their own time and at their leisure.

Enjoy!

## Library Help

We have recently starting reorganising the library to make it more accessible and useful for the children...but run out of time. If there are any parents who can give a couple of days or half days up to help then we would be really grateful. Unlimited tea, coffee and swiss roll available

## PLANET POINTS

### And the results for this week are .....

1st Place Saturn 202 points

2nd Place Neptune 200 points

3rd Place Jupiter 198 points

4th Place Mars 154 points

## Upcoming Significant Dates

Sat 13th Jan

Boys Football Finals at Ewood Park, Blackburn Rovers

Mon 15th Jan

Year 5 Swimming

Mon 15th Jan

FEPS meeting—7-8pm in school

Tues 16th Jan

ICT Family learning session—3:30pm

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Year 6 SATs meeting for parents—3:30pm

Fri 19th Jan

New Learning Menus to Go out

Mon 22nd Jan

Year 6 Swimming

Mon 22nd Jan

Young Voices Event—MEN Arena (Year 5 & 6)

Fri 26th Jan

Parent Forum

Fri 26th Jan

Non-Uniform Day—Unwanted Christmas Present

**MENU FOR WEEK BEGINNING 15TH JANUARY 2018**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOMEMADE MEAT & POTATOT PIE OR BURGER ON A BARM OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	TOAD IN THE HOLE OR CHICKEN CURRY OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	PIZZA OR CHICKEN PASTA OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	ROAST PORK 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



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

**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— Sammy Dunlop Willow— Daniel Smith*

*Cedar— Dalton Catterall Maple— Teo Okpu-Smith Chestnut— Ruby Brotherton*

*Rowan— Blake Richardson Oak— Alana-Jane Simpson*

**Mr Brindle's Magic Moment**

*At the start of the week the children were dazzled by the new doors that had been fitted in school. Year 5 however, were disappointed when they realised that they did not open when they walked up to them—they thought they were new automatic doors due to the fact that the handles had not been fitted yet!!*

*“When it rains, look for rainbows When it's dark, look for stars.”*

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

**School Improvements**

**Drainage**

Thank you for your understanding during our current work at the side of school to improve the drainage. Until further notice we will continue to ask parents and children to access the back of school via the path around the side of Beechbuds.

**Doors**

Many of the doors within school have been replaced as we continue to ensure that the children are learning within the safest and best environment possible.

**Lost Property & Spare Uniform**

We now have 2 boxes, one for lost property and the other for spare uniform. These are located in boxes at the front of school outside Mrs Ashworth's office.

Feel free to look for any lost property in here or take any uniform that you might be short of.

**CENSUS DAY THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY**

The number of children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 who have a school dinner on Census Day will determine the funding we receive in the future. Please can we ask you to encourage your child to have a school meal on this day so we can maximise our funding. Thank you.

**FEPS Meeting—Monday, 15th January—New Members Welcome**

We invite you to come along to a FEPS meeting this coming Monday, in school at 7pm. We welcome new ideas and support for events, or simply just new ideas to help us to continue to raise money for school and ultimately, for your children. Anyone is welcome, parents, friends, grandparents ..... And you will receive a warm welcome and a cup of tea.



*Our very own PTFA!*

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK..**

**IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE IT TO BE?**

Mrs Cranage: Flight  
Mrs Ashworth: Invisibility  
Mrs Ashcroft: Eternal Youth  
Mr Wilkins: Teleporting

