

## ALL ABOUT.....MRS KATE HOLDEN

This week's staff profile goes to Kate Holden, class teacher who is currently teaching in Year 1, Year 5 and in Beechbuds.

MY SAFE PLACE: My garden, sitting on the bench by the chickens!

MY LAST CINEMA VISIT: The Greatest Showman

MY BIGGEST REGRET: 'We only regret the chances we didn't take.'

A DREAM I'VE NOT YET ACHIEVED: Skiing in Japan

MY FAVOURITE BOOK: The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl

SOMETHING NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT ME: I love eating raw mushrooms...I've tried to keep that a secret...

3 WORDS TO DESCRIBE KATE: Dedicated, creative, approachable

### Learning Menus and 50 Things!

The new learning Menus have gone out today. I had the privilege of sharing some of the work in Year 2 and I was astounded by the creative approach and great efforts from many of the children and parents—thank you! Remember, feel free to deviate from the menu and if you can think of a better way to do something or a better way to present it, then go with it. It's great to see the children getting active outdoors with the 50 things to do before you're 11 and 3/4. Please keep this up despite the colder weather—fresh air and nature is so important and evidence has been collected linking it with improved mental health.

### Part Time Teaching Assistant Appointment

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Lucy Jones who will be working 3 afternoons with us in school as a Teaching Assistant. She will be working with groups and individuals and has proven her great skill and practice whilst training with us over the last year and beyond as well as volunteering within classes.



## ECCLESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



### THE HOTSPOT FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

#### Speaking and Listening

We are having a big push on speaking and listening in school and will be working hard to develop the children's vocabulary. The staff have received training on this and we have purchased many non-fiction books that the children will be able to bring home as home readers, courtesy of FEPs. We have also bought every class a CD player and a host of audiobooks that they can listen to in class to develop their language and listening skills. However, the best way to develop the children's oracy is simply just spending time talking to the children, visiting new places and sharing new experiences.

#### Field Perimeter Path—Work Starting

We are excited to announce that the path around the perimeter of the field that we have been planning and raising money for is in motion. Work is beginning currently and it should be ready in a few weeks time. The purpose of the path is to develop the children's health and fitness as we challenge the children to run, walk, cycle or scoot a mile a day! The funding from Tesco and the money schools are budgeted for specifically for Health and Fitness will go towards the cost of this.

#### Lancashire School's Dance Festival

Tickets are now on sale for the Lancashire Schools Dance Festival which is taking place at the Guild Hall in Preston on Thursday 22nd November. Tickets can be purchased directly from the Guild Hall either on line <https://prestonguildhall.co.uk/book-online/114002/> or by telephone 01772 804444.

Ticket prices are Adults £7 & Under 16's £4.50.

#### Beechbuds—Level 3 Workers Required

We are looking to appoint 2 additional members of staff to work in Beechbuds, starting in January 2019. For more information, check out the advert on the Lancashire County Council vacancies website and search non-teaching jobs. Feel free to speak to me if you are interested and have any further questions.

### Mr Brindles Magic Moment

On Tuesday, Mr Brindle reminded the children to bring their outdoor clothing on Wednesday for the outdoor learning day. Freddie raised his hand to say 'Can I please bring my wellie-bobs?!' The whole class enjoyed Freddie's comedy moment, thank you for making everyone laugh!!

### OUTDOOR LEARNING DAY—WHAT A DAY!

What a great day yesterday as all of the children spent the entire day learning new skills in our great school environment. These are such valuable days as not only do the children get a great amount of fresh air, but they are gaining new experiences and skills beyond the limitations of a classroom. I must pass my thanks on to the staff who yet again have worked incredibly hard to plan, prepare and produce such creative and focussed learning for the children. I genuinely believe that the children of Ecclestone Primary School are treated to such a rich, varied and valuable school experience.

### After-school Club—Pricing Change

We are changing our pricing structure for after school club to help support you further with your childcare provision. The full cost of £8.50 is remaining the same yet if you pick your child up before 4:45pm then we will only charge you £5. We want to make sure you get value for money and whilst we are proud of the provision and care we provide, we appreciate that some parents don't access the full time yet pay the same as those that do. This will take affect after October Half Term.

### 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 — Milo Okpu—Smith Willow — Lily Carson

Cedar — Daisy Hatch Maple — Katie Mather Chestnut— Kayla Giblin

Rowan — Logan Fellows Oak— Eunice Yuen

### MENU FOR WEEK BEGINNING 5TH NOVEMBER 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHICKEN ENCHILADAS WITH RICE OR COTTAGE PIE OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	SALMON AND BROCCOLI PASTA BAKE OR CHICKEN BHUNA AND MIXED rice OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	CALZONE PIZZA OR TOMATO AND MASARPHONE PASTA BAKE OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	ROAST BEEF WITH YORKSHIRE PUD-DING OR SAUSAGE AND GRAVY OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	<b>CHIP SHOP FRIDAY!!</b> A CHOICE OF FISH OF THE DAY JUMBO SAUSAGE OR CHICKEN DIPPERS OR PIE OF THE DAY ALL SERVED WITH CHIPS & PEAS AND A CHOICE OF GRAVY OR CURRY SAUCE
				

### Upcoming Significant Dates

Sunday, 11th Nov	Remembrance Day Service—St.Mary's Church
Friday, 16th Nov	Reception Visit to Stocks Hall
Tues, 20th Nov	Parents' Evening
Wed, 21st Nov	Parents' Evening
Fri, 30th Nov	Year 1 Family Assembly
Thurs, 6th Dec	Christmas Fayre
Fri, 7th Dec	Parent Forum

### RECEPTION VISIT TO STOCKS HALL

Inspired by the recent TV Programme, 'Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds', we have arranged for our reception children to visit Stocks Hall Residential Care Home for our children to spend time with the elderly people who visit or reside here. It's an exciting project for both of us with the results clear to see for anyone who watched it. We hope to visit monthly, depending on the success of our first visit.

"The best classroom and the richest cupboard is roofed only by the sky." Margaret McMillan



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