



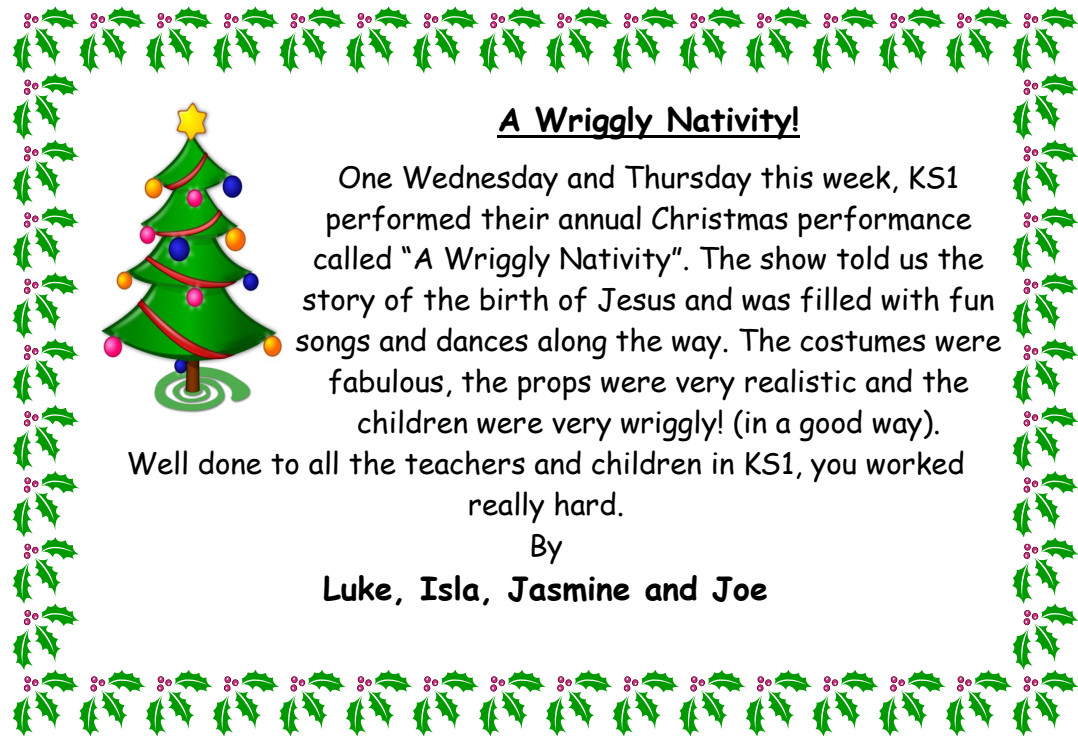
THE HOTSPOT FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Maple Class Takeover!!

Welcome to this week's Hotspot from the Year 3 children of Maple class. Over the past few weeks we have been focussing on newsletters and have enjoyed our learning so much, we decided to put our skills to the test writing the most amazing newsletter of all...The Hotspot.

So sit back, relax and grab a festive mince pie as we guide you through a week at Eccleston Primary School.

By Kaitlyn, Stephanie, George, Ethan M, Thea, William and Ollie



A Wiggly Nativity!

One Wednesday and Thursday this week, KS1 performed their annual Christmas performance called "A Wiggly Nativity". The show told us the story of the birth of Jesus and was filled with fun songs and dances along the way. The costumes were fabulous, the props were very realistic and the children were very wiggly! (in a good way).

Well done to all the teachers and children in KS1, you worked really hard.

By

Luke, Isla, Jasmine and Joe

Applying for a Primary School Place

If you are looking for a Primary School place for next September (2019) then you have until 15th January, 2019 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.

Life in Maple

A day in the life of Maple is exciting and so much fun. Each day we learn about lots of different things. Some of our topics have included learning all about Egypt, the legend of Robin Hood, Light and the Human Body and Healthy Living. During music week we practised a Bollywood Dance to perform in front of the school as well as learning how to play lots of musical instruments. Outdoor Learning was a day we will always remember; it was so much fun decorating our Learning Lodge with bunting and creative CD's, Maple class is a fantastic place to be.

By Imogen, Jack, Alfie R , Dalton, Ruby, and Lennon

School Performance Tables

The national schools performance tables are out which compares schools both locally and nationally. We are very proud of our results which is testimony to the great focussed learning that takes place throughout school. We are in the top 50 overall in Lancashire and 2nd out of 548 schools for Maths. You can look at these results at <https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables> or just Google 'Performance Tables'. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday

Remember that it's Christmas Jumper day on Wednesday. If your child doesn't have a Christmas Jumper, please don't go out to buy one. They may wear their own clothes and a Christmas hat or a bit of tinsel perhaps. There will be no charge for this day – we appreciate everything that you already contribute and we're sure you've other spending priorities at this time of year!!

ALL ABOUT.....MRS LUCY JONES (Our newest member of staff currently working 3 afternoons a week supporting classes throughout school)

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE GAME AS A YOUNG GIRL? My Little Pony

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR AND WHY? Yellow because it is bright and sunny and reminds me of warm weather

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM JOB? A chocolate taster

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MEAL? Seafood spaghetti

WHERE IS YOUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION? Italy

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SAYING/QUOTE? Fail to Prepare, Prepare to Fail

MAPLE'S WORDS TO DESCRIBE HER? Organised, kind-hearted and friendly

By Charlotte, Ethan CB, Alfie L, Megan , Katie and Jamie

Holiday Club update—IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our holiday club has proven a great success in it's first year. We have offered provision over Christmas but understandably with it being special family time there has not been a positive uptake. Therefore the holiday club will NOT be open on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th December. It will reopen for Monday, 31st December, Wednesday, 2nd January, Thursday, 3rd January and Friday, 4th January. Drop-ins will be welcome.

Winning Christmas Fair Class

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Christmas Fayre this year. We are overwhelmed with how successful the event was. The amount raised for school is £2036.84 and the winning class for raising the most amount of money on their stall is Year 6! Well done everyone!

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 — Kane Dermott Willow — Austin Spink-Wright

Cedar — The Whole Class Maple — Eric Bedworth Chestnut— James Mather

Rowan — Skye Leach Oak— Amelia Cobham-Brar

Promethean Active Expression 2 Devices

We are delighted to have purchased 120 Active Expression 2 devices which are individual units for each junior child that will support them in many ways, particularly with their times tables. They should have cost approximately £8000, but we have managed to purchase them for £600. These proved very popular as we borrowed them for last years Year 6 but as we needed to return them, decided to buy some of our own. If you have a child in the juniors and they haven't had the opportunity to use them yet, this opportunity will be coming to them very soon.



Maple's Superstar of the Week

As a new feature this week we have decided to choose a member of our school staff who we think deserves the chance to be a Staff Superstar.

This week's lucky winner is Mrs Ashworth.

She is our winner because she brings good spirits to the school and when you are poorly she is always there. She works hard all day long and is never without a smile on her face. She is always there to listen and to give a helping hand.

We are sure you all agree with our choice!
Well done Mrs Ashworth you are a shining star.

By Ellie, Krysie, Yusuf and Ella

Birthday Box - This week's birthdays are:

- Douglas Year 1
- Jessica Year 4
- Jamie Year 4
- Millie Year 5

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!!

Book of the Week
We recommend.....

Our book of the week is the *The Magic Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton. This is our choice because it is exciting, funny and joyful. The story begins in a giant tree in an enchanted wood covered in elves and fairies. Through the book there are many adventures to keep you entertained, our favourite is the character's visit to Topsy Turvy Land. If you are looking for a fantasy book with amazing character's this is the choice for you!

We would give it 5 stars out of 5!

By Penny, Layton, Jackson and Eric



MENU FOR WEEK BEGINNING 17TH DECEMBER 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEATBALLS OR CHEESE PINWHEEL OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	CHICKEN CURRY OR SUB ROLLS OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	CHRISTMAS DINNER OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	PIZZA OR TOMATO PASTA OR FILLED JACKET POTATO OR SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH	CHIP SHOP FRIDAY!! 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

- Wed, 19th Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- Wed, 19th Dec Christmas Lunch
- Fri, 21st Dec Christmas Surprise & end of term

PLANET POINTS

And the results for this week are

- 1st Place Jupiter 214 points
- 2nd Place Mars 191 points
- 3rd Place Saturn 188 points
- 4th Place Neptune 256 points

Working Hard until the End

Whilst we are enjoying everything Christmas has to offer, rest assured we remain fully focussed on our learning. We pride ourselves on the continual high standard of education right up until the last moments of school.

"What is life without a little risk"

J.K Rowling



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