



# Eccleston Mere Primary School

## October Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of our first Autumn half term, I wanted to take the opportunity to update you about the events of the last month. During this time, the curriculum at Eccleston Mere has been well and truly enriched. Y6 pupils have visited the Liverpool World Museum; Y4 pupils visited the Ganesh Hindu Temple in Liverpool, whilst Year 1 to 6 took part in the recent Quidditch day, which was a lot of fun!

We also take pride in our pupils for the way that they have conducted themselves throughout the term. Behaviour has been exemplary in school, as our oldest children continue to role model the highest standards, which others then strive to reach. At the recent Open Day, held for prospective parents, our pupils led school tours and were remarkable ambassadors for school, speaking confidently about what our school means to them.

The next half term promises much, as Christmas approaches at Eccleston Mere. I will send a newsletter in early November, to share further details of our festive plans. Within this newsletter, please see the diary dates sections, for those who wish to be extra-organised.

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.6%. This is near our whole school target of 96% and is above national average.

We wish all of our families a peaceful half term break, to rest and rejuvenate. I hope that those children who celebrate Halloween have a wonderful time, whilst remaining safe and considering others.

### Quidditch

Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in a Quidditch day in school this week. The day was run by Enrich Education and was well received by all. Children were divided into the houses from Harry Potter, before competing in the event. The event was really inclusive and accessible by all pupils, making it all the more fun.

### Liverpool Ganesh Temple

In October, Year 4 pupils visited the Ganesh Temple in Liverpool. Our children were very respectful, mature and inquisitive, learning much whilst in attendance. During the visit, children learned about different Hindu Avatars, by observing and sketching different sculptures and shrines. We were fortunate to visit during the festival of Navratri, which celebrates the Goddess Durga, and her many forms.

### Liverpool Museum

Year 6 children visited the Liverpool World Museum, where they saw Ancient Egyptian mummies and were able to view the many artefacts on show in the renovated Egyptology section. In addition to this, pupils took part in a workshop, learning all about the Rosetta Stone and its significance.

### Harvest

St Luke's pantry are very thankful for all of your generous donations. They will help lots of families in the coming weeks.

### Story barn

Year 2 visited Calderstones Park this half term, learning about the Neolithic origins of the park's historic stones. Children then took part in a treasure hunt around the historic trees around Calderstones.

### Sponsored Sports Event – Adam Gilchrist

A huge thank you to all families who contributed to the Sponsored Sports Event, held by Adam Gilchrist earlier this term. School raised over £1500 as a result of this event, which will be re-invested in playground equipment / sports equipment for the children. Purchases will be posted to our Twitter feed, as they arrive. Well done to Bella D who received a free place in Adam's coaching lessons for the most sponsorships. Well done to Imogen W who won the £10 decathlon voucher in the prize draw for more than 15 sponsorships.

### PTA Y5/Y6 Disco

The Y5/6 disco is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, **from 6pm to 7pm** (cost £3). TJ the DJ is hosting this PTA event, and the disco is neon themed.

### Vocabulary Parade

Thank you to all of our families, for their participation in the Vocabulary Parade, which again raised the profile of quality vocabulary in school.

### High School Applications

**If you are applying for high school for September 2024, forms need to be returned to admissions or completed online, by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

### Jewellery

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those families who have removed earrings, or taped over earrings, where piercings are recent. It is really important that children are safe for their PE lessons and for lunchtime play.

Take care,

Mr Mugan