



Eccleston Mere Primary School

December Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

It was a busy and fun-filled month, as we fully embraced Christmas at Eccleston Mere! The Christmas performances were outstanding, the parties have brought merriment, and the Christmas Fayre brought everyone together, in the spirit of the season. We have also sought to 'give back' where we can, contributing to our local community: the school choir performed at the Seven Stars; we have raised money for charity; and have donated food to the 'Teardrops' charity.

During all of this merriment, the children have continued to work hard and behave well. We are extremely proud of them for this. They have continued to embody our school values and make Eccleston Mere the special place that it is.

I hope that all of our families have enjoyed the holiday so far, and wish you all a very happy, prosperous 2024.

Christmas Fayre

May I offer a huge thank you to all members of our PTA, who did an outstanding job in putting on this year's fayre. Thank you also to all of our families for their generosity, both on the day and in the donations in the build-up to the event.

The use of the woodland space brought a new dimension to the fayre and was very well received. We hope to build on this next year. Early indications are that the fayre raised approximately £2000, as part of the PTA's continued fundraising efforts.



Christmas Performances

The Christmas performances this year were excellent and varied, ranging from nativity performances to concerts. We were so proud of the children and their confidence to stand before an audience, singing, dancing and reading aloud. It was a pleasure to see so many smiles upon faces, whilst performing.

All performances were filmed by 'Zippy Angels' and a link has been made available to parents.

School Choir

Well done to our school choir, who performed Christmas songs at the Seven Stars in Eccleston on the 5th December. The children were exceptional and brought festive cheer to all those listening. A big thank you to Mrs Matthews, who runs the school choir on an entirely voluntary basis. It is much appreciated!



Athletics Team

We took part in the annual St Helens athletics competition in December, finishing in second place (and being desperately unlucky in not securing first place). The team performed brilliantly, demonstrating athleticism, determination and team-spirit. Their efforts have been rewarded with a place in the Merseyside Finals. Well done!

Spring Term Information

Maple Class- Swimming

Maple Class are swimming next half term (10th, 17th, 24th, 31st January and 7th February). There is a **voluntary** cost (£3.50 per session) associated with swimming, which can be paid via the school app.

Year 6 pupils will then take part in top-up sessions next half term. Further details of this will be sent out in due course.

Cedar class will take part in swimming later in the year.

Pupils who are swimming should wear one-piece swimming costumes (not bikinis). Any shorts worn should not have pockets and should not be Bermuda shorts (that is, should not be extra-long). These are swimming pool rules and are not set by the school. Any further questions with regard swimming attire can be answered by your child's class teacher / the school office upon our return.

Year 6 Mosque Visit

On Tuesday 16th January, Year 6 pupils are visiting the Al-Raham Mosque in Liverpool, as part of our efforts to bring the RE curriculum to life, through experience-based learning. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £11 for this visit, which is payable via the school app.

Further information about this visit will be sent upon our return to school, but I thought it important to notify families of the visit, in advance.

Y3/4 Disco and Y1/2 Disco

The Year 3-4 disco is due to be held on Thursday 18th January, with the Year 1-2 disco following on Thursday 1st February. Both discos will start at 5pm, ending at 6pm and are payable via the school app.

Young Voices

We are very excited about the Young Voices concert at the start of February (Wednesday 7th). Further communications will be sent about this in January.

Many Thanks,

Mr Mugan