



Eccleston Mere Primary School

September Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

As the weather now indicates, we are well and truly into the autumn term. The children have settled exceptionally well, and behaviour and attitudes in school really are excellent.

This term promises much excitement and a variety of different experiences for children. In this newsletter, I take the opportunity to signpost to themed days, sponsored events and other trips, visits and experiences that will enrich school life.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with parents the excellent outcomes achieved last year. In most key assessment points, children at Eccleston Mere attained higher than local and national averages. Upon leaving school, this trend was particularly apparent, as Year 6 attained at levels significantly higher than other schools locally and nationally. Although we measure our school on far more than attainment, we are proud of our pupils and wanted to celebrate that fact.

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.5%. This is above our whole school target of 96% and is a great start to the year.

Sponsored Sports Event – Adam Gilchrist

Adam has organised a fun day of sports, in the form of a circuit challenge. This takes place on **Thursday 28th September**. In our efforts to raise funds, without this being too costly for parents, we encourage children to seek sponsorship from wider family, neighbours and other members of the community (safely and with parental supervision).



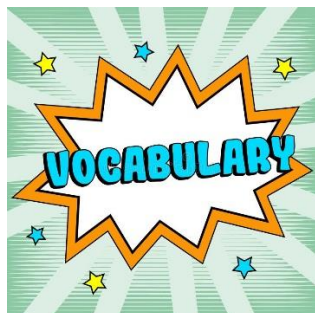
Funds raised will support in continuing to strengthen our sports offer.

Reception Welcome Event

We invite all Reception children (and their families) to a welcome event, hosted by the school PTA (Parent Teacher Association).

This event takes place from **3.30pm-4.30pm on Friday 29th September** and will take place in the school hall. Please collect your child from the Reception classroom door as normal, before making your way to the front office. There will be an entertainer for the children, and refreshments will be available in the school hall.

Vocabulary Parade



On **Friday 29th September**, we are holding our annual 'Vocabulary Parade'. Children are invited to dress as a noun, adjective or verb, for a voluntary contribution of £1. A letter about this event has been sent to parents. To clarify, there is no need to buy anything new for this event, as many ideas can be created with existing clothes (Pinterest is full of ideas, should anyone be struggling for inspiration).

Funds raised will be spent on improvements to the school library, including new books and bookcases.

Year 2 Storybarn Workshop

Children in Year 2 will be visiting the Storybarn for a literary workshop on **Monday 2nd October** () and **Tuesday 3rd October** (). We have had members of the Storybarn team in school in recent years, with great feedback and are excited to see them in their own, amazing space.

Individual and Family Photographs

Although a separate communication will be sent out to families, we wanted to give families plenty of notice (for those planning haircuts) that individual and family photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 4th 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.

Trim Trail

Presently, the trim trail is out of use and due for removal. The PTA have funded a new trim trail, which was due to be installed in November.

As a school, we have pushed this back to next Easter with the company, so that the installation takes place before usage in the summer. Otherwise, we felt it would be unnecessarily weathered, prior to use.

Praise Pads

Over the course of the year, we will be making some adaptations to our behaviour policy. As part of this, we have introduced 'Praise Pads' to reward children who go 'above and beyond'. As these awards will be sent home with the children, we are hopeful that this will further raise your awareness of your child's achievements.

School Open Day

We are again looking to showcase our school within our local community, by hosting an Open Day on Wednesday 18th October, from 9:30am. Our children lead this event, delivering guided tours of the school. If you know anyone considering a Reception place this year, please let them know about the day.

Take care,

Mr Mugan

Dates for Your Diary:

Reception Welcome Event	PTA Event	Friday 29 th September	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Vocabulary Parade	School Event	Friday 29 th September	All Day
Year 2 Storybarn Workshops	School Event	Monday 2 nd October (Requires £16 payment via the school app)	
Year 2 Storybarn Workshops	School Event	Tuesday 3 rd October (Requires £16 payment via the school app)	
PTA AGM	All parents welcome	Tuesday 3 rd October	6:00pm
Individual and Family Photographs	School Event	Wednesday 4 th October	All Day
Year 6 trip to Liverpool World Museum	School Event	Friday 13 th October (Requires payment via the school app)	