

ECCLESTON MERE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"THE SCHOOL WITH A HEART THAT BEATS TO **EVERYONE'S** TUNE"

25th October 2024

Thank you to all of our families for their help and support, during the Autumn term. We have enjoyed some memorable learning experiences, as well as our 'Love to Learn' sessions; the Autumn 'Magic at the Mere' event and 'Break the Rules Day'.

I hope that our families enjoy the half term break– we have delivered assemblies on how to stay safe over Halloween and look forward to seeing all of our pupils again in a week's time. We look forward to our Spooky Disco and the build into what should be a magical festive season.

Magic at the Mere

May I take this opportunity to thank our PTA for arranging the 'Magic at the Mere' event that took place last night. Children who came along spent time in our atmospheric woodland, visiting a colour-changing fire and participating in spells and magic. Crafts were hugely popular too, with children leaving with wands and owls, created on the night.

Break the Rules Day

Children took part in 'Break the Rules' day and it was lovely to see the effort that children (and therefore families) made. We ended the half term with brightly coloured hair and children who weren't afraid to express themselves!

Spooky Disco

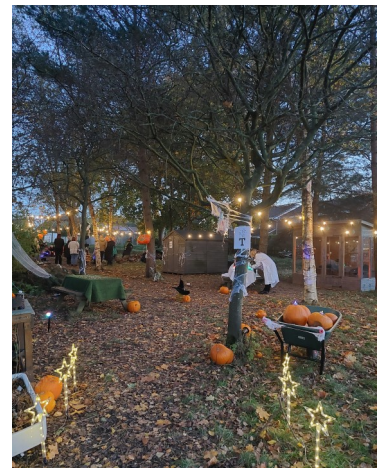
On Thursday 7th November, we are holding our annual 'Spooky Disco'. However, this year, we are expanding the disco to include all pupils within school. Children are invited to dress up, should they wish to, but we do ask that costumes are age-appropriate (not too graphic or frightening).

As part of this year's activities, children will receive a small treat bag, within the entry cost. The disco will take place over two sessions and tickets can be purchased via the School Gateway app.

***Nursery (3 year olds), Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3:** 4:30-5:30pm (£4)

Year 4 to Year 6: 6:00—7:30pm (£5)

**Nursery and Reception children will take part in the disco in the dance studio, in a quieter environment, with a 'party' like feel.*



Readathon

A reminder to children and families that we are in the midst of our 'Readathon'. Half term represents the perfect opportunity for children to visit their local library or indulge in books / other reading materials at home!

Stay safe online
Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

- S SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.
- M MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE:** Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.
- T TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Dates for Your Diary
Chestnut Swimming– 5/11 to 10/12 (each Tuesday)
Spooky Disco - 7/11 (see above)
Year 4 Love to Learn—15/11 (2.15-3.15pm)
Cinderella Pantomime (school) - 19/11
Non-Uniform Day (Bottles) 22/11
Parents' Evenings—27/11 and 28/11

Attendance
94.5%
School attendance this week!
95.36%
School attendance this year!
96%
School target

6 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

SCREEN TIME



1. RULES

Agree on a clear set of rules in your home about screen time.



2. LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Do as you say! Modelling behaviour is the most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour



3. PHONE FREE ZONE

Restrict the use of TV's, mobile phones and computers in the bedroom!



4. CHARGING PHONES

Buy an alarm clock for your child's room and charge mobile phones in your room!



5. DIGITAL DETOX

One evening a week have a family digital detox and plan a family activity!



6. JOIN IN

Play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together.