

SCHOOL NEWS

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PTA events

- * Next Friday we will be holding a 'come to school in pyjamas or onesie' day in return for a donation of a book from home which is in good condition. We are trying to build up the library stock again after our clear out earlier this year and the PTA were very enthusiastic to support our drive to improve reading and enjoyment of books. The pyjama theme is linked to bedtime stories, but the books can be non-fiction or fiction, picture book or longer paperback. As always, our donation days are voluntary and children can dress up with or without a donation. We would be very grateful if any parents could come and help us organise the books on the book shelves at any point next Friday. Please drop me an email or let your class teacher know if you can. Thank you.
- * From 3rd May, we will feature in John Lewis' green token collection. This is situated at the cafe in John Lewis; after a purchase you are given a green token to put in a charity cause of your choice. In this instance, we are fundraising for a friendship buddy bench for the playground. Please support this if you can and make any John Lewis shoppers you know aware of the scheme.
- * 12th May is ladies night at the Sangham. More details to follow but please put the date in your diary if you are interested; it should be a fun evening!

Parent Council

The Parent Council will meet once again on Monday. If you have any items for discussion, please forward them to your class rep. Contact details can be found on the newsletters under the parent area of the website. My thanks to all the parent reps for volunteering their time to attend these meetings; it really helps you get your points, ideas and suggestions across to us and forms a strong means for parent voice.

New dates on calendar

We have added some new dates to the website calendar. These mostly relate to Year 6 and their leavers events. However, I need to point out to parents that Open Evening has been changed from Wednesday 20th to Tuesday 19th July, from 5 - 7pm. Children are welcome to come along to the evening, share their work and also meet their new teacher with parents.

Letters

Homework sheets and year group newsletters are coming home today. Y6 children will also be bringing home a mobile phone policy letter. Y6 children will continue to receive weekly homework as we prepare them for transition to High School.





Parent Governor Election

My thanks to both Mrs Bernadette Murray-Robb and Mrs Vicky Cook, who both recently resigned from the Governing Body due to an increased demand on their time from other commitments. We therefore have a parent vacancy to fill. It is a demanding, but rewarding position and is an extremely important aspect of the Leadership and Management of the school. We will be sending further information and nomination forms home next week.

Fence Warning

We are aware that a number of children are climbing over the boundary fence from the park next door into the school grounds in order to retrieve footballs. Unfortunately a very serious accident took place over the Easter holidays involving one of our ex-pupils doing this very thing. The fence that is being climbed is very sharp and dangerous and in this instance caused an extremely serious injury to one of the fingers of this child. His family are very keen for me to communicate to all how dangerous this is and make all our pupils aware. Please do not allow them to climb the fence. Balls can be retrieved during school hours - please come by the school office first. There are increasing incidents of this being reported in the press and we need to try and raise awareness of the dangers.

Good Luck Mrs Townend!

This week we said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Townend, who left us on Tuesday to have her second baby in just a couple of weeks!! Some of you may not know Mrs Townend; she does a fantastic job working with the Y3 and 4 team, taking the classes when the teachers have their planning and preparation time or Leadership and Management time. She also supports groups of children in these classes too. Mrs Vedvik, who has done some excellent supply work for us recently will cover the maternity leave until Mrs Townend returns.

e-safety info evening

As you are aware, we are holding a parents information session on Thursday evening around safety on the internet. It would be wonderful to have a similar turn out to that we had for the maths session. If you can attend, please return the slip sent home earlier this week to the office by Monday. These sessions are essential for us all, both as parents and adults, building our understanding of what it means to keep safe on the internet. Please come if you can. 6pm, school hall.

If you don't already, follow us
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Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

