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Return to School

We are really looking forward to opening the doors to all our pupils from Monday 8th March. As I indicated in my letter last week, it will be business as usual, with arrangements we had in place in December resuming in the same way. I have included the drop off and pick up times opposite as a reminder.

Lunches will remain the same: EYFS and KS1 being offered a hot school meal, whilst KS2 children having lunches in classrooms with a packed school lunch, if this is the chosen option.

Just to re-iterate there will no school clubs before Easter; this will be reviewed in a few weeks. I am hoping to set up our wrap-around care once again from September and will keep you informed regarding this.

Year 4 were due to go swimming this term; the Local Authority have arranged swimming lessons to resume, but in line with most other local schools, we have opted to commence this after Easter. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

I would like to say a final thank you to our families for the tremendous effort with the home learning - the participation in the World Book Day activities is testament to this. And of course, my recognition to the school staff who have worked tirelessly to provide online learning and deliver in-class teaching. It's certainly been a juggling act and we are very grateful for all the positive feedback you have provided which has kept us all going!

Morning Drop Off				
	EYFS	Y1 and Y2	Y3 and Y4	Y5 and Y6
Start	8.40 – 8.55am	8.40 – 8.55am	8.55 – 9.10am	8.55 – 9.10am
Entrance	Entrance 3: Side of Nursery/ Staffroom	Entrance 2: Park side	Entrance 2: Park side	Entrance 1: Main front door
Exit	Side of Nursery/ Staffroom	Exit through Staff car park		

Afternoon Pick Up				
	EYFS	Y1 and Y2	Y3 and Y4	Y5 and Y6
Finish	2.55 – 3.05pm	2.55 – 3.05pm	3.05 – 3.15pm	3.15pm
Entrance	Come in through Entrance 2 (park side) walk across the playground.			
Exit	Collect children from playground and then exit through Entrance 3			

Concerns about Returning?

We all find ourselves in different circumstances as a result of the pandemic and three lockdowns, leading to different levels of concern and anxieties about the return to school. I have attached to this newsletter a guidance document produced by Stockport Psychology Service; it is really useful and I recommend you giving it a quick read. In addition to this, I have set up a feedback form in the Parent Area of the school website. This is designed for you to let me know your concerns, anxieties and questions about returning to school. Please use the password you used to log on for parents evening to access the form if you would like to use it.

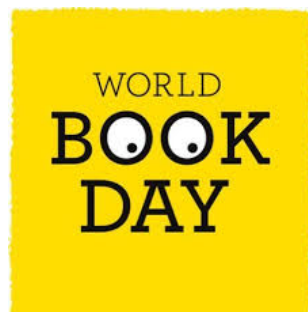


COVID-19 Testing

I would just like to clarify that primary aged children will not be part of the Lateral Flow Testing programme. This involves secondary aged pupils only. Our staff, however, continue to test twice a week.

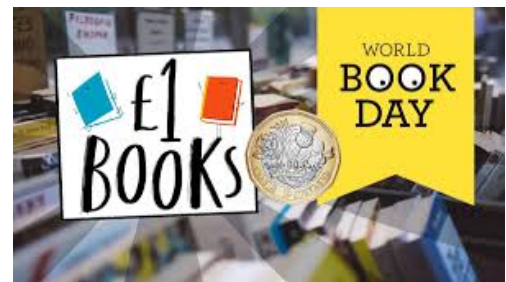
Parents' Evening Feedback

Thank you to everyone who took part in our virtual Parents' Evening last week. I've had a lot of positive feedback from staff about the process and would now like to hear about it from your point of view. I have set up a feedback form in the parents area of the school website and would like to hear your thoughts. I have also asked questions about how parent consultations may look in the future.



What a successful World Book Day we had this year. Thank you for all your efforts at home and for the teachers, especially Miss le Couteur, for masterminding such a fantastic range of activities. It has been wonderful to see

all the photos of the book covers around the village, including some very imaginative creations! The Masked Reader has been a huge success and I look forward to seeing who will be the winner of the 'best dressed' Chester Zoo prize. This will be announced next week.



We will be issuing the £1 World Book Day tokens to all pupils next week. These can be exchanged for a World Book Day book. Follow this link to see the collection for this year

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Or you can use your token to get £1 off a book costing £2.99 or more. To find the nearest participating booksellers, follow this link:

<https://www.booksellers.org.uk/wbd>



A further reminder that although we are welcoming all our pupils back to school next week, lockdown rules still apply within the community and should be followed. We would like to discourage groups forming in both our playground and the park next door.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back next week!

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff

