

SCHOOL NEWS

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Red Nose Fun

Thank you for joining in the Red Nose fun today. We certainly enjoyed wearing our red noses - even it was a little tricky keeping them on our noses in Reception! We got outside for our Red Nose and Spoon races too - just look at the concentration! We haven't collected money for the charity in school this year. Instead, we are asking that if you wish to donate, to do so via the website. You can follow the link [here](#):



Clubs

I am pleased to inform you that after the Easter holiday we will be introducing some after school clubs. We will be organising these in bubbles, keeping children and staff who have been together during the day, together for the after school club. More details will come out in a letter next week with details how to book.

We are in the process of reinstating our wrap around breakfast and after school care. We are asking for tenders from different providers and then will undergo a selection process, with the aim of opening in September when we hope bubbles will be able to mix once again. I would like to create a panel of parents to help with this process. If you would like to be involved, please email me directly on the headteacher@etchells address.

Please be on time....!

We have set out times for arrival and pick up clearly on previous newsletters. Please keep to these times. Some pupils are arriving very late and missing vital learning taking place at the start of the day. Likewise, it is important that children are also picked up on time at the end of the day. Some year groups, for example Year 2, finish the day at 2.55pm and must be picked up at this time. Check the chart opposite for the correct times. If you have more than one child, please drop exactly between the two times.



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			



Free School Meal Easter Holiday Support

Stockport Council will soon be sending out information to families eligible for benefits related Free School Meals about the voucher scheme for Easter. Vouchers will be sent to eligible families by email and can be redeemed at local stores and supermarkets that support Paypoint. The vouchers can be used for food, fuel and other essentials and will have an extended expiry date of June 2021. Families for which there is no email address on record will receive a supermarket voucher by post.

In addition, there are limited holiday activities and activity packs available during the Easter holidays for eligible families in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals. If you would like to receive more information about the activity packs or holiday clubs operating please send an email with your name and address to HAF@stockport.gov.uk or contact the Coronavirus helpline on 0161 217 6046. Life Leisure will also be offering sports based sessions in various locations across the Borough. For more information go to <https://www.lifeleisure.net/active-communities-team/easter-holiday-activities/>

Not Eligible for Free School Meals?

There are a large number of families across Stockport who do not qualify for Free School Meals, yet would still benefit from additional financial support during these challenging times. The council have received a government grant to support families who may need help with bills and food costs. Schools are being asked to refer families who could benefit directly, to the council. If you think this may be relevant to you, please email me, in the strictest confidence, in order for me to refer you.

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INSET Day

A reminder that we will be holding an INSET day on Monday 12th April. Therefore, the children will return to school on Tuesday 13th April. Please bear in mind there will be no home learning on the Monday.

Teachers will be spending the day evaluating the curriculum. We will look at what has been taught so far, identify what the gaps may be and plan for the summer term, considering any areas of catch up that may be needed.



Holidays

We hope that the lockdown restrictions will proceed according to the plan set out by the government. We all look forward when we can get away again and spend time with family and friends. I would like to remind everyone however, that holidays must not be booked during term time. Holiday dates are available on the website - please refer to these when making a booking. If you anticipate an absence due to exceptional circumstances, the request form should be downloaded from the school website and submitted to the school office, BEFORE the absence.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff