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Book Factor

We are currently taking part in two reading projects which are being organised by Simply Books in Bramhall, involving several schools and lots of books! Nursery, Reception and KS1 are involved in the first project and Year 4 and 5 are participating in the second. This is part of our drive to improve standards in reading and to stimulate the children's motivation to read and enjoy a wide variety of books.

So what does it involve? A selection of books have been chosen for each project; these have been read in class either as a class story or as part of guided and individual reading. Each pupil involved has a vote which has been cast yesterday and today to indicate their favourite book. All the votes are collated from the participating schools and will be announced at the Stockport Plaza at the end of this half term.

The children will have the opportunity to go on stage at the Plaza: Y4 and 5 will be singing and presenting their iMovie book review of Awful Auntie by David Walliams. This book inspired an Awful Auntie day in school this week (see photos opposite). Reception will also be going to the Plaza to present their version of 'We're all going on a bug (not bear) hunt' which has been inspired by the mini beast pop up book "Twist and Hop Mini Beast Hop". It will certainly be an event to remember and we look forward to finding out the winning book titles. Many thanks for parents for supporting this event by making a contribution towards the cost of coaches. It couldn't happen without your help!



Y4 and 5 Awful Aunties - superb singing too (below!)



Bags in School

We are finding that our cloakrooms and book bag boxes are overflowing with oversized bags! In KS1 we expect children to use the book bags - they do not need a school bag. In KS2 we prefer children to continue to use their book bags but appreciate that bags are used to bring in sports kits etc too. We ask that these bags are kept to a small size. Teachers will be talking to children who are bringing bags which are far too big for our cloakrooms and we politely request that they bring something smaller to school.



Naming Uniform

It's the time of year when jumpers are being taken off and often left around school. It is impossible for us to return them to children if they are not named! We will be putting out lost property again after school today in a hope that missing items will be claimed. Anything not taken after today will be washed and put on the second hand uniform stall at the summer fair. May I remind you of the link to a stick on nametape provider which is excellent: <https://www.mynametags.com/>

Keeping Children Safe Online

I have received the evaluation forms from Tanya Cross regarding our parents information evening last week. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive though parents who attended were concerned that other parents should hear the same messages. Last week I provided you with useful websites and parent guides - please take the time to look at these. However, many parents stated how useful they had found the video we watched and that they would be re-visiting it with their children. Take a look for yourselves and see how cleverly an analogy has been made between behaviour in real life and online. It certainly makes you stop and think:

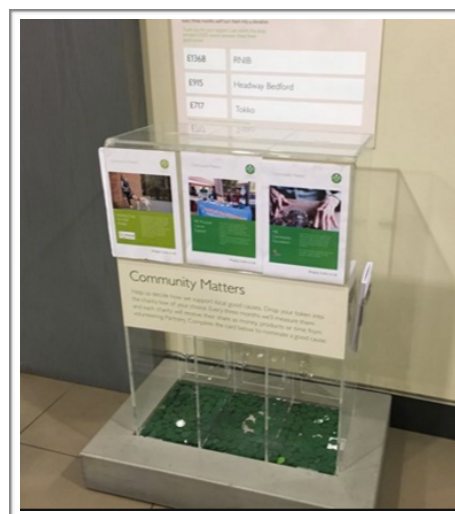
<https://youtu.be/599IiE-rWTU>

PTA Sangam ladies night

Take up for this event has been disappointing so far - please support the evening if you can - it should be a fun night out with the girls and will raise funds for school.

John Lewis Tokens!!

We are now one of the nominated charities in the John Lewis 'Community Matters' scheme. £3000 is donated by John Lewis every 3 months - this is shared between 3 charities. Every shopper who makes a purchase receives a green token to put into the charity of their choice. Each charity receives a donation in proportion of the percentage of tokens received. For example, if we were to receive 31% of the votes, we would receive a £910 donation. We hope to use the money for a buddy bench in the playground and other playground improvements depending on funds raised. Please support us and ask your friends and family to put their green tokens in the Etchells box which can be found near the upstairs cafe.



Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the
Etchells staff

