

# SCHOOL NEWS

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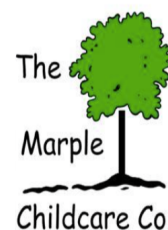
## Reward Day

As you are aware, we moved away from our House system of rewards this year in response to concerns from both parents and staff that rewarding a winning house did not always reward the children who had worked and behaved to a very high standard all year. We then moved to the bronze, silver and gold badge system, where children are rewarded for their own individual effort. This has been successful and the children have responded extremely well to the initiative. As this has been something new, we have found that not as many children have reached gold as we anticipated - we will have a better idea of how many merits can be given out next year and they will also be earned through reading at home and class dojos (more information to come about this).

We have decided that the staff will award additional gold badges on a discretionary basis in their classes to pupils who haven't reached a 100 merits, but certainly deserve to have done so. As the Reward morning is also linked to behaviour, any children who have had two or more detentions, will not be invited to take part.

All other children with gold badges will be able to take part in the Reward morning which is taking place on Tuesday 12th July. This will run on similar lines to last year with a visit from the ice cream man, bouncy castle, games and water fights. Thank you to Miss Arnold and Mrs Wilson for organising this and to the parents who have offered to help.

## Summer Holiday Camps



After consultation with parents and the excellent feedback and questions put forward on the website Parent Forum, we are delighted to be able to announce the introduction of Summer Holiday Camps to be held at Etchells during the forthcoming holidays.

This will be run in partnership by the Marple Childcare Company and Footytotz. I must stress however, that the activities are not limited to football. There will be a range of sporting activities on offer as well as craft, cookery and imaginative play. I have attached the poster containing all the information to this newsletter, a paper copy will also be coming home on Monday and you can also find it on the website under the 'After School' tab.

Key points to note are: the camps need to be booked on a weekly basis; the cost is £15 a day; timings are 8.30am - 3.30pm; monies to be paid in advance by 8th July; 12 places need to be booked in order for the camp to run; all bookings and correspondence must be made through Kidszone or Footytotz. All the contact details can be found on the poster.

Please do not make enquiries to school as we won't be able to help!



## Attendance!

We are aware that the class attendance award for the first summer half term hasn't taken place. We would still like it to go ahead and now that we are coming to the end of such a busy assessment period, we will hold it on Monday next week. The award for the highest attendance goes to 3M with a fantastic figure of 98.4%. Well done to all the children in that class. 3M may come to school in non-uniform on Monday 27th June.

Our current attendance figure for the year to date stands at 95.3% - still below the National Average of 96%. We are unlikely to meet that figure now, but remain hopeful that it can be achieved next year. The holiday dates are available for the next 2 academic years on the website - please take note of these before booking holidays.



## Fair Update

Many thanks for the offers of help that have come forward for the Summer Fair. We have quite a few classes now who have covered their stall for the 4 x half hour slots. The following classes still need helpers and without you, the class stall will not take place:

RR, RG, IH, ICF, 3A, 3M and 4R

Please return your slip or let the PTA know if you can offer 30 minutes to help - thank you

## Kingsway Masterchef!!!

Well done to the Year 5 children for their entries into the Kingsway Masterchef competition. Our finalists went to Kingsway last week to prepare their dishes and I'm delighted to announce that Afion in 5W came runner up in the competition - WELL DONE!!



Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the  
Etchells staff



## YouNow

Have you heard of YouNow?!!

This was a new one on me! It is a fairly recent app which is currently being used by both primary and secondary aged pupils. It is used to watch and create live videos. The rules of the site state that it is intended for individuals aged 13 and above. It is possible for children to register however and not give their correct age. It is also possible for a child under 13 to watch broadcasts on the YouNow website or app without signing in or registering an account. The concerns around this app are that users can 'virtually tip' broadcasters. The more 'liked' a video is, the more 'virtual currency' they will earn. This in turn leads to an increase in the riskiness of the videos being posted.

Attached to this newsletter is a Parents Guide to YouNow which will give you the full information. It can also be found in the e-safety section of the website under the 'Additional' tab. Please read, be aware, talk through with your children and discuss the risks.