

# SCHOOL NEWS

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### Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Monday 11th July. As well as discussing any issues you may wish to raise with your class rep, I would also like to discuss individual photographs and school trips.

Although we are signed up to the same photographer for the coming Autumn, we are considering going with someone different for the following year. If you have seen some good school photographs and know the company, please would you let your parent rep know. It is our intention to have a look at some samples at the meeting and make a decision about who to go forward with.

We would also like to ask parents about the cost and frequency of school trips as there appears to be a great deal of variation in what parents are prepared to pay for. I would like to draw together some guidelines for staff and aim for greater consistency throughout school. We will share these guidelines with parents when they are finalised.

A trip off site can cost in the range of £10 to £20, depending on the distance. To enhance the curriculum further, we bring visitors into school to share their expertise and specialist resources. These visits can cost between £5 and £10. I would like to know how many off site trips parents are prepared to pay for (1 a term? 2 a year? etc) and how many in-school visitors. It is worth remembering also that Year 5 take part in an overnight residential to Castleton costing around £80 and Y6 have 2 nights and 3 days at a Robinwood centre, costing around £200. We are happy for payments to be made in instalments for the residential trips.

It would be helpful if you could send your thoughts to your parent rep in order for us to collate opinions at the meeting. Contact details can be found under the Parent Council section of the website.



### We need a new MDA!

Did you know that MDA stands for Mid-Day Assistant and is the modern term for a dinner lady?!

We are looking for a new MDA to join our team! It would be every day, Monday to Friday, and the hours would be between 12pm and 1.15pm, term time only. Rate of pay is at the Living Wage. If you are interested, please pick up an application form from the school office. The selection process would involve an informal chat with myself and Mrs Griffiths our School Business Manager and any appointment made would be subject to DBS checks.

If you enjoy being with children and have some time during the day, please give this some consideration. We would like all applications to be returned to school by 1pm on Friday 8th July.

### STRIKE ACTION

A letter was sent home and emailed on Wednesday of this week regarding strike action taking place next Tuesday. Please look carefully at whether your child's class is open for that day.



## Heald Green Festival

Our school football team took part in the Heald Green Festival football tournament last Saturday, along with the other local primary schools. It is always a really fun event. Our team played four games, won three of them and drew the other to make it through to the final. They came away runners up having narrowly missed out on a victory. We are very proud of the team and the sportsmanship they displayed. My thanks to Miss Pennill for organising the team and going with them to cheer them on.

## Eid

We are aware that Eid will be taking place on either Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. We are happy to authorise a day's leave for this religious celebration, but must stress that it is for the day of Eid only. If your children will be absent due to Eid, please send a letter into the office indicating each child's name and class. It is important we have this for our records and to ensure the absence isn't recorded as unauthorised

## Sports Day

It was such a shame that our sports day this week was washed out by the rain. We always do our best to re-schedule the day as it is an event enjoyed so much by the children. The run up to the end of term is so busy and we have found it impossible to hold the event for both Key Stages on the same day. Our apologies if this makes it difficult for you to attend but we felt it was better to go ahead on separate days rather than have it not take place at all. The new dates are as follows:

Wednesday 13th July 9.30am: KS2 (Y3,4,5,6)

Wednesday 20th July 1.30pm: EYFS and KS1

## Summer Fair!!



We are really looking forward to our Summer Fair which is taking place next Friday on the 8th July 5 - 7pm.

Many thanks for all the offers of help - we have nearly filled the stalls but still have a few spaces to fill, so if you have been intending to offer 30 minutes of your time, please contact the PTA. They will be extremely grateful to have all the help organised in advance of the event.

We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come and enjoy the event. It would help us enormously with change if you could come prepared with pound coins and 50p's.

As with previous fairs, there will be a £1 entrance fee per family.

You will be given a programme with a raffle ticket attached. This will go into a draw for a food hamper which is packed full of delicious items kindly donated by school staff. I am really looking forward to drawing the raffle this time with the new portable PA system bought by the PTA! This will be used for a huge range of events in school so our thanks for the use of PTA funds in purchasing this item.



Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the  
Etchells staff

