

SCHOOL NEWS

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Book Fair in School

Next week we will be holding our final book fair of the year. Your support of the book fairs are very much appreciated as not only do the children get to choose a quality book, the school benefits through commission made on every purchase. We have been able to stock class libraries with new texts this year and are now looking to build up our class collections of dictionaries and thesauruses throughout school.

The book fair will be held from 3.15 - 3.45pm next Wednesday (13th), Thursday and Friday. We will also open it on the following Monday, during the Celebration Evening on Tuesday 19th and for a final time on Wednesday 20th.

A leaflet will shortly be coming home with your child showing you some of the books available to purchase. There is also a 3 for 2 offer on ALL books in the fair - the cheapest book will be free.



School Uniform

It is the time of year when we start to think about buying new uniform ready for September. School uniform is available to buy from the school office during the school day. It will be also on sale during our Celebration Evening on Tuesday 19th July.

In September, we have two INSET days. School uniform will be available to buy from the school office on the second day only: Friday 2nd September. Please note, the office will not be open on Thursday 1st September. Further purchases may be made from Tuesday 6th September.



Medical Issues

- * The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be bringing home letters about the nasal flu vaccination next week. You must return the letter by Friday indicating whether you would like to opt in or opt out of this vaccination programme.
- * Scarlet fever has been on the increase nationally and we have had several occurrences here at school. Please become familiar with the symptoms so you know what to look out for. Once diagnosed, the illness can be treated with antibiotics and children can return to school 24 hours after the course of treatment has begun.

Summer Reading Challenge

We had a visit from Heald Green Library in assembly this week to launch the Summer Reading Challenge. This year the theme is 'The BIG Friendly Read'. Your child will



have brought home a leaflet with more details including the website address and the App. We are really trying to boost our pupils' engagement with reading so please encourage

your child to participate.

End of Key Stage 2 Assessments

Our Year 6 children will find out how they have done in their SATs tests next Friday, when the End of Year reports are sent home. You may have heard in the media how challenging the tests were this year and the percentage of children reaching the National Standard in reading, writing and maths combined has dropped dramatically from 80% to 54%. I am delighted to inform you that our provisional results are showing that 64% of children at Etchells achieved the National Standard in all 3 subjects, well above the National Average. Further details of the results will be published on the website in due course.

Choir Performance

The school choir will be performing at the Celebration Evening on Tuesday 19th July at 6.30pm. The performance of 'Ocean Commotion' will take place in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

Club Bookings

To enable you to plan your childcare provision after school, we will be opening the bookings for extra-curricular activities next week on Tuesday 12th July at 7.00pm. Outdoor clubs will run for 6 weeks starting on the week beginning 12th September with the last session being w/b 17th October. Indoor clubs will run for 11 weeks, finishing w/b 28th November.

Please make your booking online via:

<https://etchells.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

I hope to see many of you at the fair later,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

