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End of Year Reports

Today your child will be bringing home their end of year report in a white envelope - please look for it in their bag! I have read each and every report being sent home and am delighted with their quality and individuality. I hope you find the report useful and informative, and that it gives you a clear indication of how well your child has done this year and where their curriculum strengths lie.

I would be grateful if you could return the reply slip enclosed with the report, including any comments you may have. If you have any questions about the report or the enclosures regarding assessments (Y1, 2 and 6), please speak to your child's class teacher at our Open Evening. If you wish to have a confidential appointment, please arrange for a meeting to be held at a different time.

We have also included the end of year questionnaire with the report. Please could you take five minutes to complete this and return to school. An electronic version has also been attached to this newsletter - if you prefer you can complete this using Word and email it back to headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk

Celebration Open Evening

This special evening is taking place on Tuesday 19th July between 5pm and 7pm. No appointment is needed - just turn up and have a look at your child's work in the books and around the classroom. You can also use this opportunity to meet your child's next teacher; again, this information will be included in the report.

Choir Performance: The choir will perform in the school hall at 6.30pm for around 45 minutes. Everyone is welcome to attend but I would ask that any children who can't sit quietly during the performance are taken out of the hall.



Parent Council Feedback

As always, the Parent Council meeting was very useful with a full agenda. Full feedback will be posted on the website soon, but here are some immediate responses to issues raised:

- ▶ Parents would like to be more informed about what their child is learning in maths and be able to support them more at home through homework tasks. From September we will post the termly maths plans for each year group on the website in the maths section, so parents can see what is being covered. If you would like to do further work at home we recommend the CGP workbooks which are available cheaply online for each year group.
- ▶ Polling station: I have written to the election officer at the council and have asked him to explain why potential venues suggested by parents cannot be used as an alternative polling station. I have been told that the use of schools as polling stations was reviewed last Autumn. I will let you know as soon as I get a response.



End of Term Reminders

- ✓ School uniform will be on sale during the Open Evening (cash and cheques only).
- ✓ The book fair is currently open after school and will be available to parents and children during the Open Evening on Tuesday.
- ✓ Please could children bring COATS to school - even though it is the summer term!! July has been particularly wet and the children do stay outside if there is a light drizzle.
- ✓ Some children are coming to school wearing 'smart' watches. As these have cameras incorporated they are not allowed in school for safeguarding reasons.
- ✓ Sports Day for EYFS and KS1 is due to take place on Wednesday 20th July at 1.30pm. If the field is too wet, as was the case for KS2, we will have to cancel. We do not intend to set another date for parents as it can be so difficult to organise work commitments around an event that keeps getting cancelled. However, we will endeavour to take the children out on a sunny afternoon before the end of term so the activities can be enjoyed.



PTA Update

Thank for your tremendous support at the Summer Fair last week. It was wonderful to see so many families come through the door (over 220!). Thank you to all those parents who gave up their time to help out and the troopers who worked hard throughout the evening!

My thanks to the committee who have worked for months, organising and arranging everything in order for the evening to run smoothly.

I am delighted to announce that **£2500** was raised on the evening and this will be put directly towards the playground markings. The PTA tell me that they have now raised the required amount to fund this project and so we hope to get the new markings in place for the autumn term.

Reminder: The green token collection at John Lewis remains open until the 5th August and we hope their donation will buy a buddy bench for the playground. Please support us if you pass the cafe.



I would like to put out another plea for Easyfundraising. We have 39 supporters so far and have raised nearly £150. This is raised solely through the charitable donations organisations make as a result of your online shopping. It's very easy to use. If you use the internet to shop please have a look into signing up!

Summer Holiday Club

The uptake for the Summer Holiday Club being run by Kidszone@Etchells has been high and we are pleased that it is still able to run on all 3 weeks between the 1st and 19th August. There are still some places available at £15 a day, between 8.30am and 3.30pm. If you would like to book or would like further information please contact:

Chris: 07921 557344 or Tracy 07468 565592

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

Maths Jargon Buster!!

We had such a lot of positive feedback from our Parents' Maths Information Evening and the Calculation policy which is available on the website. However, parents were frustrated that they didn't understand all the technical terms being used by staff and within the policy. Our maths leaders Mrs Wilson and Miss Arnold have now put together an extremely useful Maths Jargon Buster which explains and illustrates all the unfamiliar vocabulary. Please find this in the maths section of the website under the 'Curriculum' tab. We would be grateful for any feedback on this: please use the headteacher blog on the homepage to provide your comments (no password required).

