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A Massive Thank-You!!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fair. It was a wonderful evening with a lovely atmosphere. My thanks to the PTA for such a huge effort - unfortunately the organisation lands on just a few people and they have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to make sure the evening was a success. We would really appreciate more helpers coming forward next time!

A massive thank you also to the staff who helped out on so many stalls. All the stalls wouldn't have been able to go ahead without their help and their time was very much appreciated.

The final thank you is to all the families who came on Friday evening and made the whole evening so special.

I am delighted to say that £1900 was made on the night which will be put into the PTA funds for upcoming projects for school. More details to follow in the new year.

**Open Morning for Prospective Parents:
Thursday 15th December 9.30am**

If you have children due to start Nursery or Reception in September or know anyone who does, you may be interested in our Open Morning on Thursday 15th December at 9.30am. There will be a chance to meet myself and our Early Years Leader, Mrs Revill, as well as having a look around the Early Years department. Come along and see what we're about!

Flu

You may have heard that there have been a significant number of cases of Flu in Stockport during the last couple of weeks. One high school has had to close but is due to re-open tomorrow. While there are no cases in our school at this time we want to ensure that our children remain healthy and take every precaution against the spread of the virus. We have increased the cleaning levels in school and have given pupil information on good hygiene regimes. We currently have anti-bacterial hand-sanitizer in all the classrooms - if you don't want your child to have this on their hands please let us know. More information regarding flu can be found here:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/winterhealth/Pages/Fluandthefluvaccine.aspx>

Spring Term Clubs

Don't forget to book and pay for the Spring Term Clubs. They are available through the SchoolMoney website. Remember that until the club has been paid for, a place will not be reserved.





Just a reminder that the PTA's chosen charity for this year is Sal's Shoes. We are collecting children's shoes from Monday to Friday in the main school reception. The shoes must be in a clean, good wearable condition with no holes. If they are lace ups, please ensure the laces are provided. Please can you pair all shoes with a rubber band. Flip flops, sandals, school shoes, slippers, trainers, winter boots and football boots are all accepted by the charity.

Online Gaming

Our children are playing more and more games online; with Christmas coming up and the likelihood of Santa delivering new consoles, it is important for parents to have a good understanding of the risks online gaming can bring. The Local Authority have provided us with an excellent 3 page guide written for parents and carers. Please take the time to read this and keep abreast of what your children are engaging in. We have attached the guide to this newsletter and also put it into the e-safety section of the website (under the Additional tab). Alternatively, follow this link:

http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk/serve_file/146053

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

Christmas Performances

The Early Years got our Christmas Performances off to a wonderful start. Thank you to all the parents for respecting our wishes to keep buggies away, managing small children and keeping to the 2 ticket allocation. It certainly made things run a lot more smoothly. Well done to all the Early Years children and the staff for such a wonderful nativity.

This week we have KS1 performing on Tuesday afternoon (adults only) and Wednesday afternoon (families). Doors will open at 1.45pm. The PTA will be serving teas, coffees and mince pies after the show for a small donation. Please feel free to stay in the hall until home time - there will be no early pick ups. Look out for the hamper raffle that is taking place at all our performances - tickets available with the mince pies!

We are also looking forward to Y5's carol concert on Wednesday evening. Please note this is for Year 5 parents only.

Christmas Post



The Christmas post box can now be found outside the first aid room. Cards can be posted here for delivery by Year 6.

Envelopes must include first and last names as well as the class i.e. 3A, 6M etc.

