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An Easter Farewell

This Easter we will be very sadly saying goodbye to Miss McDonnell who is moving on to a new, exciting post. She will be taking up the role of Head of Learning Support in a school in Bangkok, Thailand. Miss McDonnell has been at Etchells for eleven years, first as a class teacher and more recently as our Resource Base Manager and Special Educational Needs Coordinator. We will miss her expertise and contribution to the Senior Leadership Team very much and I know she will be missed by many parents too. We wish her every success in her new role and venture in Thailand.

If you would like to see Miss McDonnell before Easter, there will be an opportunity during both Parents Evenings taking place after half term. We will set up a booking facility to enable you to request a specific time should you wish to do so.

We will be appointing someone into the role of Inclusion Manager from the summer term and they will be responsible for the same areas as Miss McDonnell and join the Senior Leadership Team. I will inform you as soon as an appointment is made and would like to reassure parents that there will be a detailed handover in order to prepare for a seamless transition.

Letters on Website



Just a reminder that we are now putting all letters sent home on the website. You can find them in the 'School Info' section, third tab down. You will find

trip, event and extra curricular activity information here so please use this area if you have misplaced any letters or if they haven't quite made it home! Communications directly linked to a class, for example termly newsletters and homework sheets, can be found on the class pages.

Trip Permissions

Please remember that we are now using the SchoolMoney website to pay for all dinners, trips and clubs.

Permission needs to be given for every trip outside the local area and this must be done by ticking a box on the website. You are asked to give your permission for the trip and by ticking the box, you are giving your agreement. Please ensure you do this otherwise your child will not be able to attend the trip.



Only holders of Blue Badges are able to park in our staff car park. Space is extremely restricted and cars are getting damaged due to parents trying to park and manoeuvre in such a tight space. Please **DO NOT** use the car park without a Blue Badge.



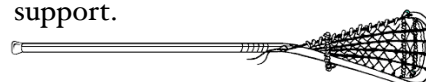


Parent Governor Needed

In the coming weeks we will be advertising for a Parent Governor. The role of Governor is extremely crucial and it is important we have a representation of skills and experiences from a range of backgrounds. There is a requirement to attend a Full Governing Board meeting once every term which lasts around 2 hours, from 4- 6pm. In addition to this, you will be asked to sit on one of the committees who meet up to twice a term for an hour. We are currently looking for a governor to join the finance committee; you don't need to have a finance background - just an aptitude for working with figures and budgets! Please have a think about whether this might be a position you could fulfil and keep an eye out for the election papers coming home soon.



Well done to our Year 6 children who took part in a pop lacrosse tournament at Hazel Grove High School yesterday. It was a tournament just for fun and our pupils showed excellent sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. My thanks to the staff for organising this and parents who transported the children, giving their brilliant support.



Sal's Shoes



We were delighted to find that 114 pairs of shoes were donated to the Sal's Shoes charity before Christmas.

Here they are all boxed up, ready to go to their new owners. We will be collecting again after Easter and on the last day of school in the summer. More information to follow about this later. We would just like to ask parents to keep shoes that have been outgrown to one side in readiness for the collections. Thank you for supporting this fantastic charity.



Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

PTA Meeting

Don't forget to come and join us at the PTA meeting on Monday evening. We will meet at the Hallmark Hotel from 8pm, starting at 8.30pm. Come along and have some input into the events being organised and discuss ideas for how to spend the monies raised. We have some exciting ideas to talk through. It would be lovely to see some new faces there.



Head Lice

Once again, we have had reports of head lice affecting a number of children in several classes in school. Please check your child's head and ensure treatment is applied promptly and according to the instructions. It is very easy to treat if done in the correct way.

