

SCHOOL NEWS

Family Performance Night | SATs Week | Raffle Draw

A magnificent effort

A week has passed already since our exciting Friday raising funds for Cash for Kids. As you know, the fundraising efforts have continued through this week, cake selling and with our hugely popular raffle. I am delighted to announce that the final total raised by the Etchells Primary School community was **£933.18!!!** Well done to all.

And now....the news you are all waiting for! The raffle for the signed items was drawn this afternoon by the school council and the winners are:

Signed cap: Daina Y3

Signed sweatshirt: George Y4

Man City football: Freya Y6

SATs

Next week our Year 6 children will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. They have been working extremely hard over the last few weeks to prepare and become familiar with the format and expectations. We are very proud of their efforts and know they will do themselves proud.

It will be a demanding week for them and so we do request that bedtimes are early this weekend and during next week. We don't, however, want the children to get overly stressed or anxious about the tests at home and hope they can have a relaxing weekend.

It is vitally important that ALL Y6 children are here every day and on time throughout the week. All Y6 children throughout the country will be taking the tests at exactly the same day and at the same time. Children will not be able to take the tests at another day or time. If you are experiencing any difficulties or illness with your child, please let us know as we may be able to help.

Year 6 SATs Breakfast Boost Club!!

For 4 days only we are inviting Year 6 children to come to school at 8.15am for breakfast and quick quizzes to boost brain power! There will be no charge for this - just turn up and get those brain cells into action! Breakfast Boost Club will take place from Monday, finishing on Thursday. The Year 6 staff have plans for the Friday so watch out for letters home!



COATS!!

Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat to wear at playtime and lunchtime. The weather is very changeable at the moment and we have noticed many children are not prepared for the unexpected showers we keep experiencing. The good old British weather seems here to stay for the time being!!!

Important Dates

- * Sports Day:
Wednesday 2nd July
- * Celebration Open Evening: Thursday
17th July
- * Family Performance Night: Wednesday
25th June.

Please note, for a variety of reasons the date of the Family Performance Night has had to change. We wanted to include Nursery children in the event too and so propose the timings of the evening would be from 5.30 - 7.30pm. If you would like to help in any way (setting up, running a stall for half an hour, helping clear away) and have not yet offered, please drop me an email. I will be holding a meeting for those interested to help organise very soon.

Electronic Reading 9 May 2014

All KS2 children take part in 'Reading for Pleasure' in the classroom. They are able to choose books from their classroom, the library or bring from home. It has come to our attention however, that more and more children are reading for pleasure using Kindles or similar tablets and devices. We have decided that we will allow children to bring their Kindles to school (for reading purposes only) and to use them during reading sessions in class. We hope this will help raise the motivation and interest of our young readers, as well as keeping up with modern digital trends!! Devices need to be named and stored securely in school bags. (not carried in hands). The school cannot take responsibility for any damage and security issues related to the device and so will be brought to school at your child's own risk. However, we don't want this to discourage you from allowing kindles to brought to school, as taking care of electronic belongings is an important learning issue for our modern day pupils.

Miss Nicholson, who is our English subject leader, hopes to start a Kindle Reading Club in the near future. Watch this space for more information in the coming weeks.

Remember - no Bank Holiday next week! Just as we were all getting used to 4 day weeks! 8.55am start for everyone on Monday!

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff



