

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Willow Planting | Y6 SATs meeting | Parking Update

### Willow Planting and Weaving

We have had an exciting week getting our willow plants in the ground and weaving them into tunnels, fences and dens! The children have got their wellies on and helped plant and shape the willow, learning about how they will grow and how to look after them. We are looking forward to 60 log 'seats' arriving in school for the log circles which have kindly been donated by Lyme Park. Our outdoor area is really starting to take shape. Many thanks again to the PTA for funding the willow project.



### Parents' Evening

Many thanks to all those who came to Parents' Evening. We had quite a low turnout this year - we estimate around two thirds of parents attended. We would like to know why some parents are not attending as well as review our Parents' Evening times and the mid-term reports. Please see the questions opposite which we would like you to consider for the Parent Council. I will also be consulting with staff around the format of parents evenings and will let you know of any changes we propose to make after everyone's voice has been heard.

### Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Monday 20th March at 4.45pm. If you are interested in becoming a class rep please just come along and see what it's about. Questions for the agenda should be forwarded to your class rep (details on the website), if you don't know who this is, please just email me directly.

In addition to any issues raised by parents, we would like to discuss the following points regarding Parents' Evening.

- \* mid-term reports: useful? not useful? happy just to speak to the teacher?
- \* timings: prefer later time? would like time during the afternoon?
- \* bookings: like website booking? prefer to send slip in?



## Year 6 Parents ONLY

On Monday next week (13th March), there will be an information evening for Y6 parents about the upcoming SATs. The tests will be taking place in May and the meeting will give you information about the timing of these, what to expect and how best to help your child prepare, as well as keeping anxieties low. Please come along at 3.30pm. Children are able to attend if they can sit quietly during the meeting.



### POLICE ACTION WITH PARKING

As you know, the police are now working with us to address the parking issue outside school. In the next few weeks they will be making a presence issuing leaflets, talking to parents and educating drivers around the importance of NOT parking on the zig zags or double yellow lines. This will be followed by the issuing of fines and points on driving licenses. Many thanks to those parents who have sent me photos of illegal parking, I have sent these to our link officer who will be making home visits to these drivers. Please keep sending the photos in directly to my email.

### Thank you to the Griffin.....!

Many thanks to the Griffin who have hosted our reception children and enabled them to make pizzas in their kitchen! This has been a wonderful experience for the children and fantastic to be so warmly welcomed by the local community. The pizzas look delicious and the children appear to have really enjoyed themselves!

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

## Kidzone Holiday Clubs

Kidzone@Etchells will be providing holiday clubs over the upcoming breaks, including the summer holiday. They have given out information regarding this to all families who currently use the provision. If you are interested in the holiday clubs but don't use the breakfast and after school care, you can contact them directly, register your child and make a booking. For further information please call Tracy Spencer, the Kidzone leader, on 07468 565592.

### Book Fair next week

Following on from our very successful World Book Day last week (thank you for the fantastic costumes!), we will be holding a book fair from Wednesday until the following Tuesday. It will be open from 3.30pm to 4pm. We take commission for all books sold which is then used to provide books for the classes so we really appreciate your support. In this digital age, it is a lovely opportunity for the children to be treated with a book to enjoy!



