



SCHOOL NEWS

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Dates for Your Diary

I have attached the updated holiday dates for the next academic year, 2023-24. They include the INSET days, and the Easter Holiday has been amended to include Good Friday (we break up on Thursday 28th March and have two weeks and one day on holiday.)

The school calendar can also be found on the school website - please make this your first port of call to check dates. It includes holidays, trips, PTA dress up days and events as well as key events such as Sports Day and celebration days. You can find the link to the calendar on the home page.



Ramadan and Eid



Next week sees the beginning of Ramadan and some of our older children

may wish to join in. This was discussed with Governors a few years ago and we have since had the agreement that only Year 5 and 6 can partake and they must have returned a signed agreement form to the school office. These were sent home this week.

We will be holding an Eid celebration day on Monday 24th April. All our pupils are invited to come to school in their party clothes, favourite outfits or just non-uniform! We will be holding workshops and activities in the classes.

We allow one day's authorised absence for Eid on Friday 21st April. If your child will be absent for this reason, please email:

eid@etchells.stockport.sch.uk If you don't let us know, we will be phoning to enquire about the absence, as is our normal practice.

Holiday Fines

Since October, the Local Authority have fully resumed the issuing of fines for families taking holidays during term time. To date, 8 of our families have been fined and 3 are being reviewed. The fines are issued per parent and per pupil. Please check the holiday dates before booking and do not take holidays during term time.

BE ON TIME!

The gate closes at 8.55am

Lessons start at 9.00am

Pick up at 3.15pm

We are monitoring lateness in the morning with our Education Welfare Officer. Continued lateness could be subject to a fine.



Year 4 Trip to Styal

Year 4 learnt so much during their trip to Quarry Bank Mill in Styal. They used a map with coordinates and a compass to find their way around the grounds. To learn about how a river meanders, they threw biscuits over a bridge and investigated whether the wider part of the river was faster. Some children threw apples in the river while others measured the speed at which the river was flowing. They also went in a shallow tributary with nets to find out if anything lived in the river. A fantastic example of bringing our learning to life and having fun!



Easter Activities

Please see the posters attached for information regarding the KS1 Decorate an Egg and the KS2 Egg Mobile competitions. Early Years will be taking part in the Easter bonnet Parade on Wednesday 29th March.



FRIENDS OF EAST AVE PARK
PRESENTS

EASTER IN THE PARK

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH
1-3PM

**INCLUDING THE EASTER BUNNY,
EASTER HUNT, BOUNCY CASTLE,
ICE CREAM VAN AND COMMUNITY FUN!**

EAST AVENUE PARK,
HEALD GREEN,
SK8 3BR

*Put this date in
your diary - a
fun event in our
local park. All
monies raised
will be put
towards new
play
equipment.*

Behaviour in School

We are currently in the process of reviewing our Behaviour Policy and are re-naming it the 'Positive Relationships Policy'. We have consulted with the children, staff and governors, and now we would really like to hear from our Parents and Carers. Please fill out this very quick Google Form to let us know what you think. Thanks in advance.

Fill the form in [here](#)

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

