

SCHOOL NEWS

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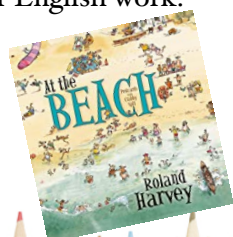
Busy, busy, busy...

Despite all the restrictions and Health & Safety measures we still have in place, it's business as usual at Etchells with a wide range of fun and engaging activities and events taking place.

Sports Days: I'm sure everyone will appreciate that sadly, we were unable to invite parents and carers to our sports day events this year. However, the children still had lots of fun in their year group bubbles, taking part in the traditional running races, egg and spoon, relays, target throws and basketball dribbling. Take a look at Nursery in action below!



Curriculum Immersion Day: Year 1 took part in a Seaside Immersion day last week which brought aspects of their current topic to life as well as their English work.



Year 6 Assessment Week: In order to keep everything as normal as possible for our Year 6 pupils and to aid their transition to High School, we have carried out an assessment week. The children have completed their SATs tests in English and Maths as they would have done normally - the main difference is that the tests have been marked by the teachers instead of being sent away. Results of these tests will be shared in the End Of Year Reports and will indicate whether the end of Y6/Key Stage 2 expectations have been reached. As always, the Year 6 pupils started each day with a special breakfast in the hall, helping them relax and have some social time with their friends.

The week was rounded off today with a visit to the park and some consumption of ice cream! Well done Y6 on a great effort this week.



Hellos and Goodbyes

It's that time of year when we start to get ready to say goodbye to some of our staff and welcome new people to the team. We have three retirements for some of our most long standing and dedicated staff members:

We will be wishing 'Happy Retirement' to Ms Richards who currently teaches 5R, Mrs Payne, currently a Teaching Assistant and Mid-Day Assistant in Year 1 and Mrs Best, our school cleaner, each of them holding such important roles in school having clocked up 72 years between them! (They won't thank me for saying that!!) We will of course be saying a proper goodbye at the end of the year.

We will be wishing Mrs Shakeel all the very best as she takes maternity leave for the coming year.

We welcome Mr Redmond, currently teaching 5RW, to the teaching team and he will take on a full time, permanent position in Year 5 next year. We have also appointed Mrs Choudhury and Miss Qureshi to our SEND Teaching Assistant support team from September.

'Eat Well For Less'



We have been contacted by the casting team for The BBC One show 'Eat Well For Less'. They are looking for households who would like to eat well

and save some money on their weekly shop.

*"The show is on a mission to prove that it is possible for families and households to **save money** on their food budget **without scrimping on taste and nutrition**. We hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, we can help to show where they can source the best and cheapest quality food."*

I have attached their flyer to this newsletter and so if you're interested, please contact them directly on the email or phone number provided. Let us know of course, if you get selected!!

Y5 Kingsway Info



We had planned an 'Information Roadshow' with The Kingsway headteacher and staff for our Year 5

parents next week. Due to the rise in local COVID-19 cases, we have taken the decision to hold this event virtually.

The event will take place on Tuesday at 3.30pm, online. We will send you the invite on Monday or Tuesday morning, when we receive it from The Kingsway. Do make the effort to attend if you can, even if you are considering the school for your second or third choice.

Applications for High School have to be submitted by the end of October in Year 6 and so it really is time to start considering the options. Can I take this opportunity to stress that you must name all your first, second and third choice schools. If you only put your most wanted in first place and leave the others blank, you could be placed anywhere. Our local high schools are extremely popular and we have had some of Year 6 pupils being placed on the other side of Stockport.

Bubble Closure

Unfortunately, this week we have had to close a year group bubble - the first in a long time. Nursery have been asked to self-isolate and will engage in home learning for the coming week. We welcome back the Nursery children and staff on Monday 5th July. In the meantime, after leaving a 48 hour period, we will be giving the classroom a good deep clean to ensure everything is spic and span for their return.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

