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End of Year Reports

Today your child will be bringing home their end of year report. We hope you find these useful in informing you where your child is up to in relation to the Age Related Expectations and also how they are performing in the foundation subjects. It is worth noting that the standards required to both 'meet' and 'exceed' expectations for each year group have risen and it is now much more challenging to achieve the higher levels. Similar changes have also been made to GCSE and A-level assessments.

In previous years a 'best fit' approach was applied to final assessments where teachers were able to make an overall professional judgement. This year, pupils have to achieve every single criteria on the checklist of statements in order to meet or exceed. As we have previously informed parents, spelling can be a significant factor in limiting attainment in writing and can lead to extremely good writers being marked down. If you have any further questions about assessments in your child's report please speak to the teacher during Open Evening next Wednesday.

I have read every single report and am delighted with the depth of knowledge our staff have about your children. I would like to thank the teachers for all the additional hours they have spent writing each report individually. In addition I would like to thank the office staff for the huge job in printing and collating all the varied inserts required for different year groups.

Enclosed in the report is a feedback form and Parent questionnaire. If you can, please complete these and return to school. Your views are important to us and inform our school development planning.

Class Transition

Today your child will have visited their new teacher for September. This is the first of two visits; the next will take place on Wednesday next week.

Please use the opportunity at Open Evening to visit your child's new classroom and introduce yourself to their new teacher.

The teachers have already been meeting to look at assessments and workbooks of children they are handing on or receiving in order to make sure lessons planned for September match the next steps for your child and the class. The staff will meet again during the second week back to exchange pastoral information, once they have got to know the children a little.

Open Evening

Our celebration Open Evening is taking place next Wednesday on the 19th July, from 5 - 7pm. You will be able to look at your child's books and talk informally to their teacher. We will be holding a book fair which will be open at the same time - a book makes an excellent end of year well done treat! Uniform will be available to buy on the night - cash or cheques only.



Fun on the Field

EYFS celebrated the end of the year with some fun on the field this week. They had perfect weather and lots of fun!!



Shoe donations on the last day!!



On the last day of the school year (Thursday 27th July), we are asking for a final donation to the PTA's chosen charity, Sals Shoes. If your child has outgrown their shoes and they are still in a good condition (can be school shoes or home shoes) they can bring them to school and wear their own trainers or shoes that day. Please use an elastic band to keep your donated shoes as a pair. As always,

participation is entirely optional. The photo opposite shows some of the recipients of shoes donated to this charity.



Summer Fair

Many thanks to everyone who came to the summer fair and gave the event such a lovely atmosphere. I am delighted to say that £2786 was raised on the evening. The monies were kindly counted by Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Newport in the office. They are then taken off site and banked the following morning. The proceeds will be used to finish the outdoor learning area, providing shelters for the log circles, a bird hide and poly tunnel for the eco club and equipment for the Forest School. Huge thanks to the current PTA who made such a success of their last event in charge. We will be holding an AGM on the 2nd October; if you would like to see the breakdown of profit made on each of the summer stalls come along and hear about the PTA accounts for the year. We have had some interest in setting up a new committee for September, so if you would like to be involved, please let us know.

Clubs for Autumn 2017

A letter will be coming home on Monday outlining clubs for September. Booking will be available on online from Wednesday and will remain open until 8th September.

Book Fair

The book fair will be open from Monday until Thursday, from 3.30 - 4pm with the exception of Wednesday when it will run from 5pm to 7 pm during Open Evening.

Kind regards,
Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff



