



# SCHOOL NEWS

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## WELCOME BACK!

We have had such a good start to the Autumn term even though it very much feels like summer! The children have got straight on with producing amazing work, making such excellent starts in their new books.

I would like to welcome to some new members of staff to the Etchells team: Mr Wistow, teaching 5RW, covering Mrs Roberts' maternity leave; Miss Dean who joins us as a SEND Teaching Assistant; Mrs Hughes, who some of you will know from Little Flyers, has joined the Mid-Day Assistant team.

Did you know we have a 'Meet the Staff' page on our school website? Here you can see who is who and put names to faces. You can take a look by following this [link](#).

### Homework and Year Group Newsletters

Next week we will be emailing you with homework sheets and the termly newsletter for your child's year group. This contains important information and dates so please read carefully. It will also be posted on your child's class page on the school website should you need it.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

A letter was sent home this week letting you know which clubs are taking place this term. These will start next week. There are still some places available if you are intending to book on. I'm pleased that we have a wide range of clubs on offer, including ICT, football, multi-sports, tennis and performance. We will also be offering a range of lunchtime clubs which the children will be able to sign up to and attend free of charge.

### NUT FREE SCHOOL



A note to all our new parents and a reminder to everyone, that nuts must not be brought to school

in lunch boxes or as snacks; this includes chocolate spread which often is made with hazelnuts. We have a large number of children with nut allergies, some of whom can have very serious reactions even when in the same room as any nut products.



## Positive Relationships and Behaviour

On Monday this week, the whole staff team took part in training around building positive relationships and reflecting on our Behaviour Policy - now known as the Positive Relationships Policy. We have put some new strategies in place which we are trialling for this first half term. Here they are in summary:

- ✓ We are no longer putting names on the board when the rules haven't been followed and we are moving away from warnings/time out/playtime playback. Instead we will be dealing with inappropriate behaviour using the following phrases: reminder - caution - final chance - time in - reflection with a senior leader. These will be noted in a covered clipboard for our records.
- ✓ If a child receives 3 Reflections they will go on 'report'. This will involve us indicating all the positive behaviours shown during the day and will be sent home for you to see. It is really effective if parents can focus on the positive smiley faces and what the child has done to achieve these. After 2 reflections, Mr Cope will phone parents to let you know that the child is close to the next step - this is to keep you fully informed.
- ✓ We have introduced a 'Recognition Board' which we use to celebrate good behaviour and learning attitudes. There will be a target on every board for the children to achieve and their name and photo will be moved when they've done so to celebrate.
- ✓ The teachers are 'meeting and greeting' the children every morning before school in order to support our positive relationships. Please make sure your child is in school on time (before 8.55am) in order for them to have this positive start to the day.
- ✓ Every Thursday and Friday the teachers will choose a member of their class to see myself or Mr Cope with great work or a note about their behaviour/attitude. We will then share this with you via ClassDojo. Thank you for the lovely responses we have had this week.
- ✓ In order to be constant between classes and to ensure fairness, we are now giving ClassDojos out for those children going 'Above and Beyond' what is expected of them. Dojos will now be put towards a whole class treat - this will be given when 2000 have been achieved. We will no longer give out certificates or star badges and instead, will recognise outstanding contributors with a WOW badge at the end of the year.

## Online Safety Parents Information Evening

This will be taking place on Thursday 21st September at 5pm in the school hall. It will be delivered by Tanya Cross from the Local Authority. Parents who have previously attended have said how useful the session is and how much they learnt about children accessing the internet and their safety.

Kind regards,  
**Cathy Beddows**  
and  
**the Etchells staff**

