



SCHOOL NEWS

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Next Thursday, 21st September, we are holding an information session around online safety for parents and staff. It will start at 5pm and last around an hour and will take place in the hall. The session is being delivered by Tanya Cross, the Schools Health and Well Being Advisor for the Local Authority. Every time I hear Tanya speak, I learn new things about children accessing the internet, the risks involved and what we can do to educate them to be safe online. Parents who have attended previously speak very highly of the session, saying they wished more parents were there to hear the messages. Please come if you can!

YEAR 6 - High School Applications

The closing date for high school applications is 31st October 2023. The form can be submitted at anytime and can be accessed online. Here's a [link](#) to assist you. You can apply for up to 6 schools. If you only apply for one school, it's not guaranteed that your child will get a place at that school. The more schools you apply for, the more likely it is your child will get a place at one of your preferred schools. Every year, we have families who only list one or two schools, and then find they have been allocated a place on the other side of Stockport. Please put all 6 schools down to avoid this.

Language of the Half Term



Did you know we have around 25 different languages spoken here at

Etchells? They range

from Europe, the Middle East and Asia. To raise awareness and celebrate our diverse community we are focussing on a different language every half term. This term French takes the limelight and is in fact, the language we teach to KS2 children in school. We have over 10 children at Etchells who can speak French or hear it at home.

I have attached an information sheet and a Language Challenge overview. These can be completed at home and uploaded to Portfolio on ClassDojo. We will be giving certificates out at the end of term for the best efforts.

Can you.....

- find out which of the adults in school can speak the most languages?
- learn how to write a phrase in a language that has a different script? (Hint: have a look at our new sign in the school entrance!)
- cook a dish from another country?

Some reminders.....

- ✓ School dinners need to be paid for a week in advance or half termly. All information regarding school dinner payment can be found in the 'School Office' tab of the school website - or you can click this [link](#) to take you there.
- ✓ Please park on East Avenue both legally and safely. The yellow lines are clearly marked and permitted parking times are shown on the signs. Parking is not allowed at any time on the yellow zig zags. Please do not park on the pavement as opening doors make it unsafe for pedestrians. Also, wheelchairs and buggies cannot get past - forcing them to go into the road. If you see anyone parking illegally please email the parking enforcement officers immediately. If they are in the area, they will come over and issue a fine. Here's the address: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/request-a-parking-enforcement>
- ✓ **Be on time.** We have too many children arriving at school after 8.55am. This means that signing in at the office takes time and they are missing the first part of the lesson. Doors open at 8.45am and children arriving at this time can access their morning activity which gets them ready for their first lesson. Please arrive at school **before** 8.55am.
- ✓ Since the pandemic, we have operated a one way system coming onto the school playground and leaving. We ask everyone to enter next to the staff car park and leave via the Nursery end of school. This really helps with congestion, parents with buggies and children pushing scooters or bikes. For everyone's safety, please continue to follow this guidance.



Friday 29th September

One of our favourite charity events in the year is the Macmillan Coffee Morning. The hall will be open from 9.15am to 10.30am for you to come in and have a hot drink and a cake. We will bring the children down to the hall for a drink and a biscuit too. If you are able to donate any cakes - bought or home made - it would be much appreciated. We must insist that they are all NUT FREE. Please bring any donations to the hall before drop off (come through the main entrance).

If you can, it really helps for you to bring your own cup to save us using disposables and it would make arrangements a little more straightforward. We will have collection buckets on the front of school in case you would like to donate but are unable to stay for coffee. We're really looking forward to seeing you there and coming together as a community.

New Starters - Making Payments



Anyone new to the school will have been sent a message from School Money, inviting you to register and download the App. It is important to do so as this is how you pay for school trips, dinner money and school uniform.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and
the Etchells staff

