

SCHOOL NEWS

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Parents' Evening

On Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October we will be holding our first Parents' Evening of the academic year. We hold it early in the term to give you a chance to meet your child's teacher properly and to address any early concerns you may have. You will also be able to look at the work your child has done so far and by looking in the front of the English and Maths books, you can see what the expectations are for your child's current year.

On this occasion, we ask that children do not attend the appointment as it is a time for you to speak with the teacher and there will be no supervision in the corridors.

You will be able to book your appointment through the parents' area of the [school website](#) from Tuesday onwards.

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You will be emailed a new login and password for the school website over the next few days. Please disregard any old details as they will no longer work.

Flu Immunisation

For those in Reception up to Year 4, who have given consent to have the nasal flu immunisation, we would like to inform you that this will be taking place on 12th October 2017.

School Photographs

KELLIEJO
PHOTOGRAPHY



Next week the children will be having their individual photograph taken. After taking feedback from our Parent Council we have decided to change our school photographer. We have entered into a partnership with local photographer, KellieJo. We trialled the class photos with Year 6 in the summer and KellieJo also came to the Leavers' Party and set up a photo booth. She donated a portrait to each of the leavers at the end of the year.

Anyone who has seen KellieJo's photography will know what a fantastic and creative eye she has and the quality of her photos is extremely high. One thing that sets KellieJo apart from other photographers is the amount of time she is prepared to spend with the children to get a good shot. She will also provide a range of photos for you to choose from.

For this reason, it is difficult for us to say which day your child will have their photo taken on. We hope to take the photos outside and of course this is weather dependent. We aim to start on Monday next week and if the weather is fine, it should take a couple of days to complete.





Thank you to everyone who came to support our Macmillan coffee morning today. It is always a lovely social occasion for both parents, visitors and the children. My thanks

to all those who helped organise on the day, as well as everyone who donated cakes. Thanks also to the Y6 helpers, including the Head Boy and Girl, for ensuring juice and biscuits were given to all the classes.

I'm pleased to say that we have raised in the region of £250 for the charity.

Help Needed!

Last year we were lucky enough to plant willows in our school grounds to create tunnels, a dome and a fence. The children have really enjoyed using these in their outdoor learning and Forest School sessions. The willow is growing very quickly (which is a good thing!) but it does need regular training and pruning. We are asking if any parents or grandparents could offer any time to work with some children during the day or after school, to keep the willows tamed!

We are also asking if anyone would be able to help us keep our planters and flower beds maintained. Again, this could be during the day or after school, it might be once a fortnight or once a month. If you know of anyone who may be able to help us, please get in touch.

Please take note.....

- If your child has had a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last occurrence. This is standard procedure for schools and is in place to prevent the spread of these contagious illnesses.
- Please make a regular habit of checking your child for head lice. Unfortunately it is a common and frequently occurring issue in school and must be treated immediately. I would like to stress however, that a full day's absence should not be taken to treat head lice and will not be authorised.
- Parents are allowing their children to play on the climbing frame in the Early Years playground before and after school. This is not permitted as the supervision we normally have for this equipment is not in place at these times.
- We have attached to this email a Privacy Notice regarding our data protection procedures. Please read it and keep for your reference.

Thank you!!



PTA Annual Meeting

A final reminder that the PTA meeting will be taking place at the Hallmark on Monday at 8pm. Even if you don't wish to be considered for a committee role, you can come and vote for the new members and contribute to the planning for the year ahead. New parents are welcome - you don't need to have been previously involved.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff

