

SCHOOL NEWS

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Photograph Update

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the individual photographs and a new date has been set for the 19th and 20th October. We will be taking individual pictures of all the children including the Nursery who will be photographed whilst playing in their setting.

Important: if you would like a family photo taken (Etchells siblings only), please let the office know via email. If you do not request a family photo you will be provided with individual shots only. Please provide names and classes of all siblings to:

admin@etchells.stockport.sch.uk



PTA Spooky Disco

Just a reminder that the deadline to get your Spooky Disco tickets is next Friday (13th October). We had a number of parents saying the music was a little too loud for KS1 and EYFS



pupils last year. Please be reassured that we will keep an ear out for this and keep the volume at an appropriate level for the younger children.

New PTA

I am delighted to inform you that our PTA is able to continue after a new committee was elected on Monday night at the AGM. The new positions are as follows:

Chair: Chris Dean (Reception)

Vice Chair: Andrea Pollitt (Y3 and Y6)

Secretary: Kerry Vacara (Y4)

Joint Treasurers: Nicola Sutcliffe (Y4)

Darren Smith (Y4 and Y6)

Huge thanks were given to Susie Metcalfe, Claire Lund, Jayne Berry and Diane Birtwistle, for their work leading the committee over the last 2 years.

Plans are already afoot for the Christmas Fair - please save the date:

Friday 1st December 5 - 7pm

Coats!!

Now the weather is turning colder, please ensure your child comes to school with a coat. Some of the children have been outside for the lunchtime period without a coat and have been feeling the cold. Coats need to be waterproof and clearly named.



Red and Yellow Cards

Since the beginning of term, we have introduced a new behaviour system at lunchtime. We trialled a few ideas in the summer as we wanted to give the Mid Day Assistants a discipline system that was separate to the classroom.

This is how it works:



A yellow card is given for anyone breaking the rules. This includes fighting, disrespect and swearing. Five minutes time out is given on the side of the playground or field to

allow any situation to defuse and give time for reflection.



A red card is given for a second yellow card or instantly for a serious offence. On these occasions, the child is sent inside to spend the rest of their

lunchtime with Mrs Mallinson, Mr Malone or Mrs Beddows. The red card is recorded in the detention log. Each day is a fresh start.

Lining up

At the end of morning break, the whistle is blown and the children are able to stand in perfect silence as they come into school. This helps with the transition between play and learning and prepares the children for going back into school. However, at lunchtime, the children seem to find this much more difficult when they are lining up for the Mid Day Assistants. Therefore, children talking in line are sent to my office and on a second offence, given a red card. Unfortunately we have a number of children who are repeatedly talking and therefore missing lunchtimes. Parents of these pupils will be informed about this at Parents' Evening next week.

We are aiming for impeccable behaviour here at Etchells and our new rules and consistent approach is definitely helping us to achieve this aim. Our new behaviour policy will be made available to parents in the coming weeks.

Match Funding

Does the company you work for offer Match Funding for charities?

Companies such as Barclays and Vodafone will allow their employees to take part in a fundraising event for a charity and will match the funds raised.

Did you know our PTA is a charity?

If you work for a company who offers this you can simply help with an event (you don't need to be on the committee) and help raise extra funds for school. Our summer fair this year raised just over £3000 - this could be doubled with match funding! Please contact either myself or any member of the PTA committee if you think you could put yourself forward for this.

Parents' Evening

Please remember that the first Parents' Evening of the year is being held on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. This gives you an important opportunity to meet your teacher and to find out how your child is getting on in their new year group. We hold this consultation early in the academic year so that any concerns can be addressed swiftly. If you haven't already done so, please book your appointment using the parent log-in on the school website:

www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

