

# SCHOOL NEWS

Holiday Dates | Harvest | Try School Dinners!

## Football Success



Well done to our football team who secured a win in the first round of the Stockport Metro Cup. The match, which was played yesterday in the extremely heavy rain, was a hard fought battle against Bolshaw. The score at full time stood at 0 - 0 and a successful penalty shoot out saw our team through to the second round. Well done to our Etchells pupils for their determination and teamwork.

## Holidays

If you are thinking of booking a family holiday for this coming year, please check our holiday dates first. We get a lot of requests for authorisation of absence which state parents didn't know the dates, booked by mistake or were booked by grandparents who didn't know. It is the duty of parents to ensure all family members are aware of the dates and that holidays are NOT booked during term time. Holidays will not be authorised and it is likely that we will refer the absence to the Local Authority for a fine to be issued.

You can always find the dates on the school website and we have attached them here in case you would like to print them out or add them to your calendar.

## New Winter Menu

We have just uploaded the new menu for the coming winter months onto the website. Please refer to this if you wish to help your child select their dinner choice in school.

To assist parents further in understanding what the dishes on the menu look and taste like, we have arranged a parent-only taster session. This will take place on Monday 6th November at 2.30pm. Please come into the school hall from the playground where you will find a variety of dishes to try. You are, of course, welcome even if your child doesn't

currently take school dinners. We are aiming to help parents make an informed choice about what we are offering.



Pick of the Bunch

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## Half Term Attendance Award



Well done to 5W who have won the award for the highest attendance this half term. They were above National Average with 98.3% and are rewarded with a non-uniform day on the first day back after the holiday (30.10.17).

Our attendance is slightly higher than this time last year, currently standing at 95.7% (compared to 95.2%).

We need to keep on working together to improve this figure as it remains one of our two Ofsted areas for improvement.



## PTA Makers Market

As with previous years, the PTA will be including a Makers Market in the Christmas Fair. This will be held in the hall whilst other stalls will be located in the corridor and classrooms. If you are interested in having a stall, or know of anyone who would like to take up this opportunity, please read the letter attached which provides all the information you need. Request forms are to be returned to school by Friday 3rd November.

## Christmas Fair Drawing Competition

The PTA are holding a drawing competition for the front cover of the fair programme and posters to be placed around the village publicising the event. Yesterday the children brought home an entry sheet with details of which competition they can enter. There are two £10 vouchers to be won. Children are asked to bring their artworks to school with a 50 pence entry fee and permission slip. Please return by Friday 3rd November.

## PTA letters and communications

The PTA have a page on our website which can be found under the 'School Partners' tab. Please use this page to check any information and to find copies of letters that have been sent out. These can be downloaded and printed out if you need them. The PTA also have a Facebook page and Twitter feed; please keep an eye on these for additional information.

## Harvest Celebration

After the half term holiday we will be holding a special Harvest celebration assembly with the children. If you would like to make a donation for our local food bank, please bring in during the first week back and we will ensure our collection is delivered. Non-perishable foods only please e.g. dried pasta, rice, tins, packets etc. As always, donations are optional.

## Updated donation days

Apologies for the change of donation date for today. As we have had our school photographer in yesterday and today, it wouldn't have been appropriate for the children to be wearing non-uniform. Please take note of the new date, Friday 10th November, for non-uniform/£1 donation. An updated table of dates can be found below:

Day	Theme	Donation
Fri 3rd Nov	Silly socks	Jar of <u>wrapped</u> sweets
Fri 10th Nov	Non-uniform	£1 donation for the cash raffle prize
Fri 24th Nov	Mad hair	Chocolate
Fri 1st Dec	Christmas themed clothes	A full, unopened bottle  (xmas jumpers, colours, hats etc)

## Many thanks...

Thanks to the PTA committee for organising an excellent Spooky Disco. The costumes were extremely creative and the hall was transformed with spooky decorations. The children really enjoyed the music provided by the energetic DJ and, along with the staff, demonstrated some great moves!! My thanks to the parents and teachers who all helped to make this event happen.

Enjoy the half term and keep safe.  
We'll see everyone back on Monday 30th October.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows  
and the Etchells staff

