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Happier Playtimes

You may remember that we recently received a grant from the WPA Foundation to provide playtime equipment for all our children. Together with a £200 donation from the PTA, we were able to raise £2000 for this much needed equipment. I'm happy to say that this has all been received, distributed and put to good use - the children are very happy!



Christmas Jumper Sale Event

On Monday next week, the PTA will be holding a Christmas jumper sale event, after school, in the hall.

Please come along to choose some festive clothing for your children. Cash donations only please. Many thanks to everyone who has donated clothing for this event - it's a really good opportunity to reuse these items as well as keeping costs down for everyone.

Dates for your diary - Friday 15th December: this will be our Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. We are also inviting children to come to school on the day of the Christmas Fair wearing festive clothes in exchange for a bottle for the tombola. These dressing up days are of course optional and non-uniform can be worn. You may however want to take advantage of our festive clothing event on Monday to get prepared!

Christmas Fair & Makers Market

Last call for Makers Market applications for our Christmas Fair, taking place on Friday 1st December. The form can be found [here](#) and should be emailed to the PTA by Monday next week (6th November).



KS2 Librarians



The KS2 librarians for this year have now been appointed and are ready for their important work. Running the library without them would be impossible! They give up their lunchtimes to keep the library tidy and to help with the exchanging of books. Our KS2 library is well stocked with non-fiction, fiction, as well as books to support those with dyslexia or who are just starting to tackle books away from our banded texts. There are lots of challenging books too for those wanting to get their teeth into something at a higher level.

Athletics Action



Yet more sporting participation from our Y5 and 6 athletics team. They took part in the Sportshall Athletics competition at Laurus recently and came 4th overall. There were some fantastic individual performances and Thea H and Ibraheem both got awards for demonstrating passion. All the children were well behaved and represented the school brilliantly.



Language of the Half Term



One of our many languages at Etchells includes SLOVAK - and this will

be our focus language of the half term. We will be learning some key phrases as well as looking at Christmas traditions in Slovakia. I have attached an information sheet with some key vocabulary - have a go at some of these phrases at home.

Birthday Celebrations



Just a reminder and to let all our new parents know, that we ask for children not to bring in sweets, cakes or party bags on their birthdays to give out to the class. This was requested by parents a number of years ago as children were coming home too often with sweet treats during the week. One idea we do encourage is that a book is brought in and shared or donated to the class which everyone can enjoy.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

