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Parent Council



We are really keen to get our Parent Council up and running again this year. Before the pandemic the parent group was very active and provided a really useful voice for parents in school.

This is how it works: one parent is elected by each class and becomes the class rep. They will be responsible for gathering questions which parents would like to ask the Senior Leadership Team. We will also ask the parent reps to gather opinion on certain topics; in the past we have discussed homework, school photographs, use of ClassDojo etc. The Parent Council meet with myself and Mr Cope once or twice a term. After each meeting, we write up the minutes and circulate to all parents.

If you would like to be the rep for your class please email me at: headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk with your name, child's name and class. If we have more than one per class we will go to an online vote.

Please send me your expressions of interest by next Friday (17th November).

Israel Gaza Conflict

We have had a number of parents ask if we intend to hold any fundraising events for the people involved in the conflict. We have legal duty as a school to remain impartial in regard to any political events - nationally or internationally. However, that doesn't mean we don't acknowledge there is a humanitarian crisis taking place and there are people in desperate need of aid and support.

As we did with the events in Ukraine, we are suggesting that all those wishing to help make a donation to the British Red Cross. This charity provides food, water, medicine, clothing and shelter to those who need this life saving relief.

If you would like further information about the work of the British Red Cross and would like to make a donation, please follow this [link](#).



**ISRAEL AND OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN
TERRITORY APPEAL**





Updates from the PTA



I am pleased to announce the winners of the recent design competition for our Christmas Fair. Neve (2VK) produced the winning artwork for the fair programme cover and Arya (5C) created the poster to advertise our fair. Well done both of you - your prizes will be with you soon.



We will be holding a 'Secret Santa' stall at the Christmas Fair. Children will be able to visit the stall without their parents to pick a gift for them in exchange for a small donation. There will be helpers in the room to support them with this. If you have any unwanted gifts or suitable items we could use for this stall, please send in to the school office or your child's teacher, marked 'Secret Santa'.



None of our school fairs can take place without the help provided by our parents and teachers. If you could give 30 minutes to help on a stall it really would make a difference. Please email the PTA and they will tell you which stalls have spaces and the times available. We have some really exciting new stalls this year and it would be a shame if we were unable to run them all. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Pre-loved uniform will be available during our Parents Evening next week. Please leave a donation in the box if you are able to. It is still perfectly fine to wear uniform with the old school logo.

Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing you at Parents Evening next week. Please remember we ask that children do not attend as there is no supervision and parents and teachers need to focus on the conversations during their consultation. We will be sending workbooks home today so you can look through your child's work in advance of your appointment. These MUST be returned on Monday in order for work to continue in lessons. You will also be able to place an order for CGP books to support your child at home should you wish. Samples will be provided outside classrooms for you to look through.

Heald Green Lights Switch On



The Heald Green Events Committee are organising the Christmas Market and light switch on in the village; this is taking place on Sunday 26th November. If your child would like to switch on the lights they can enter the 'Decorate a Bauble' competition. Please find the entry form attached. Designs need to be returned to school by 9am on Monday next week.



Children in Need 2023 takes place next Friday. If you would like to, wear something spotty with your school uniform and make a donation here.

[online.https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/](https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/)

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

