



# SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Dinner Orders - DON'T miss the deadline!!

## School Photographs



Next Wednesday we will be taking individual school photographs. Sibling groups will also be taken so you will have a choice from which to purchase should you wish. Please ensure your child is in their school sweatshirt and we will do our best to make sure they look tidy!

## Starting School in September 2024?



Do you know anyone with children looking to start school or nursery next

September? If so, they may want to know we are offering small group show rounds of our school. The closing date for applications for Reception 2024 is January 15th. School tours can be booked by phoning the school office. Please pass on the information if you can.

## Christmas Fair -

### URGENT help needed!

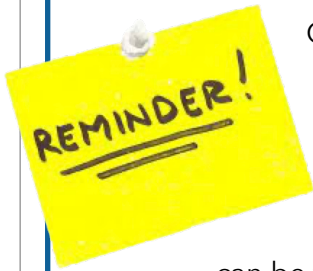
We still need a good number of volunteers to make sure our Christmas Fair can go ahead. The PTA have introduced some new fun stalls as well as the old favourites, but we completely rely on parents, staff and friends to volunteer to run a stall. We just ask for half an hour of your time and you can have your children with you if needed. The following stalls are in need of volunteers: world foods, Santa's Grotto, tuck shop, skin doodles, face glitter, splat the elf, lucky dip and crafts. A list of stalls and timings can be found [here](#), so if you can help, please sign up on the Google Form. If you are unable to access the form, please email the PTA at [pta@etchells.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:pta@etchells.stockport.sch.uk) as soon as possible.

## Parent Council

Our Parent Council is coming together nicely and I'm pleased to say we have enough parents to make it viable. However, we are missing reps from RR, 1M, 2W, 2VK, 4L, 6W and 6C. Please contact me at [headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk) if you can represent your class. We hope to have our first meeting before the end of this term.



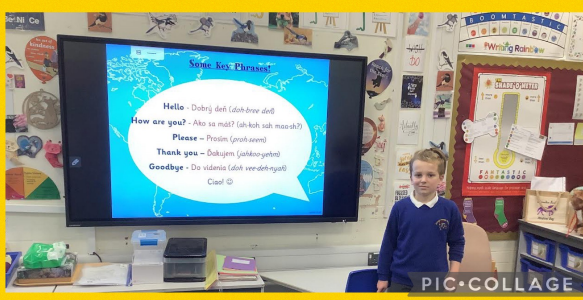
## Christmas Dinner



Order your child's Christmas dinner by FRIDAY next week. Late orders will be not accepted. Information can be found under the 'School Office' tab of the school website.

## Language Challenge

Last week, I put out a reminder for our termly language challenge. We were so pleased this week to have Lucas deliver a lesson on the language of the half term, Slovakian. He taught the rest of the class some greetings and numbers. It's so exciting to have all our languages come alive in our school - we have over 25 to celebrate!



**Christmas Fair next Friday!!**

**5pm - 7pm**

**Please follow the one way systems in place to avoid congestion.  
Looking forward to seeing you all there!**

## Earrings at School

An increasing number of our children are coming to school with earrings. We accept simple stud earrings but they cannot be worn for PE if there is any risk of them being impacted against equipment in gym for example. All children must access PE as part of the National Curriculum and this includes swimming. The best approach is to remove your child's earrings for PE days; the exception to this is if they are newly pierced, but we would expect this period to be only for a few weeks.

**PE/swimming day = take earrings out!**

**JUSTHELPING**

Registered charity number 1149068

*Recycle your Tree!*

In aid of

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Registered charity number 258085



FRANCIS HOUSE  
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

Registered Charity No. 328659

Registration closes Sunday, 7th January, 2024

Have a real Christmas Tree? Support St Ann's Hospice and Francis House Children's Hospice by having your tree collected after

Christmas by giving a donation. It really does make light work of disposing of your tree whilst benefitting others - last year, over £63,000 was raised for local charities. Please see poster attached for further information or scan this QR code.



Kind regards,

**Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff**