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Classes for September 2021

Today your child will have been told by their teacher which class they will be going to in September. As is our usual practice, the Reception classes have been put into new classes for Year 1. All children will have at least one of their identified friends in their new class. Reception children will today bring home a letter informing you of their new class teacher.

In normal times, we would arrange three transition half days with the new teacher before we break up for summer. However, due to the continuation of bubbles, we are unable to do this. We have been able to arrange 'get to know you' sessions outside in the log circles. Every class will have one of these sessions before the end of term.

Current Class	Moving to...	New teacher/s
New	Nursery	Miss Whalley & Miss Laurie
New	RR	Mrs Revill
New	RGM	Mrs Gale & Mrs Macfarlane
Mix	1H	Miss Hobson
Mix	1P	Miss Pennill
1H	2C	Mrs Collins
1P	2W	Mrs Wilson
2W	3VC	Mrs Vedvik & Mrs Chappell
2C	3TL	Mrs Townend & Mrs Lambert
3TL	4MM	Mrs Mallinson & Mrs Macfarlane
3VC	4L	Miss le Couteur
4MM	5R	Mr Redmond
4L	5RW	Mrs Roberts & Miss Williams
5RW	6Co	Mr Cope
5R	6C	Mr Crompton

Changes in teaching staff: as I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, Miss Richards is taking retirement this summer and we wish her lots of happiness with her new found time! Miss Gilham has left Etchells to pursue a new venture as an independent childminder for 6 months to 5 year old children. We wish her every success in her new career.



Monday
Morning



We will expect children in school at normal time on Monday morning. Registers will not be extended. All our families have different circumstances and keeping timings normal keeps everything fair for everyone.



PE Kits - Important!!

We have found that since we asked children to come to school in PE kits, Forest School and Outdoor learning clothes, there has been significant time saved through not having to change for these lessons. Another positive factor is the decrease in the amount of lost property as well as bags and clothing on cloakroom floors. Therefore, we are going to keep this arrangement for September.

However, we will be asking children to come in a PE uniform. This will include plain black leggings or joggers with no branding and a plain white T-shirt. Trainers can be worn. Waterproof clothing and suitable footwear should be brought for Forest School and Outdoor Learning days. The blue school sweatshirt should be worn at all times, every day of the week.

We will be implementing this in September. Please also remember that Jewellery or nail varnish should not be worn at anytime.



Please click [here](#) to read the latest newsletter regarding SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) in Stockport Local Authority. You can read information around EHCPs, family support, transport and summer holiday activities. You are also given the opportunity to 'have your say'.



Tennis at Etchells

This term we have welcomed Mike Atherfold into school to deliver tennis coaching for some of our Year 4 pupils. This has been very successful and enjoyed by all. The KS2 pupils were able to take part in an inter-schools tennis tournament at Poynton Sports Club and they played brilliantly. Mike is the Head Coach at Poynton and some parents may be interested to know that he runs holiday camps during the summer holidays, which include optional wrap around hours. Click this [link](#) for further information. We hope to continue the coaching in school in the autumn term.



COVID-19 Update

Despite restrictions lifting on the 19th July, we will be keeping all our current safety arrangements in place until the end of term. This includes: drop off/pick up arrangements, use of face coverings on the playground and continued bubbles in school. As far as we can, we want to avoid our pupils having to isolate at the beginning of the holiday. There has been a significant rise in the number of cases in 1-9 year olds in Stockport over the last few weeks and so it is important for us to stay as vigilant as ever. We are expecting to get back to more normal routines and arrangements in September; more information will follow.

Kind regards,
Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

