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Goodbye Year Six.....

Saying goodbye to our Year Sixes never gets any easier! We are so proud of the cohort this year however, who have experienced a Year 5 and 6 like no other. They have certainly done us proud, cracking on with their learning and approaching their end of year tests with maturity and dedication. They have put everything into their end of year performances, final disco and their leavers' assembly. Thank you for all the positive feedback regarding these. My thanks to the Year 6 staff who have made all of this possible, even under current restrictions.

We wish Year 6 every success in their transition to High School and hope they will take all their knowledge, skills and values acquired at Etchells to their next phase of learning and indeed, into later life.

Lots of tears will be shed today - not only from Year 6 but for those staff members leaving us too. We say goodbye to Ms Richards, Mrs Payne, Miss Gilham and Mrs Best and wish them all the very best in their retirements and new ventures.

We welcome to the team three teaching assistants who will be support our Special Educational Needs provision in September: Miss Qureshi, Mrs Choudhury and Miss Gaffey who we appointed last week. Miss Gaffey has been working in 2W this year and we look forward to having her in school on a full time basis. We are also looking forward to Mr Redmond taking up a full time permanent teaching position with his new class 5R in September.



September Arrangements

Guidance for Educational Settings has been changed for September. The children will no longer be restricted to bubbles. However, we will do our best to keep them in their year groups as much as possible in order to reduce the spread of any infections. As a school, we will no longer be carrying out Track and Trace procedures or asking whole classes or year groups to isolate. Track and Tracing will be carried out by the NHS. If you do find that your child tests positive however, please let me know immediately and keep them away from school for the isolation period. If we have several positive cases at the same time, procedures may well have to be reviewed.

We are keeping drop off and pick up times the same for now: 8.45 - 8.55am drop off for all and 3.05pm pick up for EYFS/KS1, 3.15pm for KS2. Please continue to use the same entry and exit points, sticking to the one way system and respecting everyone's personal space.

We will be keeping key phases together for playtimes, and year groups will access the hall for lunch and the outdoor areas with their own dedicated Mid-Day Assistant.

In September, we will give you more information regarding clubs which we hope to get up and running more widely for the Autumn term. The Breakfast and After school club, "Little Flyers" is now taking bookings for wrap-around care.

Please be reminded that all children will be required to wear black leggings/joggers and a white T-shirt on PE days with their school sweatshirt.

Holiday Clubs

Please see earlier newsletters for information regarding the holiday club at Outwood Primary and the Poynton Tennis Camps. This week I have attached a flyer for a football club being held at Handforth Grange Primary and Ashdene Primary in Wilmslow.

Summer Reading Challenge



Every year, the Reading Agency organise a summer reading challenge with the aim of keeping children's reading going and avoiding a 'dip' over the holidays. Our local library in Heald Green are once again part of the challenge and are asking as many pupils as possible to take part. You can sign up to the challenge digitally by clicking [here](#) and then you can go down to the library to pick up the starter pack and choose your books. I have attached a flyer with further information and links. The challenge involves reading six books and there are plenty of quizzes, games and activities to join in with too. In the past, Etchells has frequently won the local award for the highest numbers participating in the Reading Challenge, so it would be really fantastic if we can continue this high level of involvement.

Jubilee Bank Holiday

Next year, on Friday 3rd June, an additional Bank Holiday is being held to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This falls within our half term Whit holiday and so therefore, the day is being taken on Wednesday 22nd December. School will now close for Christmas on Tuesday 21st December at 3.15pm.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Etchells for their relentless hard work over what has been an extremely challenging year for all. Your support has been very much appreciated and I feel we have pulled together to make it the very best we could for our children.

If you could fill out the end of year parent survey in the Parent Area of the website we would really appreciate it.

I hope you have a lovely summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 2nd September.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

