

SCHOOL NEWS

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150 Editions Old!

This will be the 150th edition of School News! I hope it continues to be a regular and useful source of information about school life for parents. The newsletter can also be found on the front page of the website and past editions are saved under the 'School Info' tab. You can also download the School Spider App, select our school and then have the latest news, photos and calendar events to hand on your mobile device.

As we break up on Thursday next week, this will be the last School News of the Spring Term.

A busy last week....

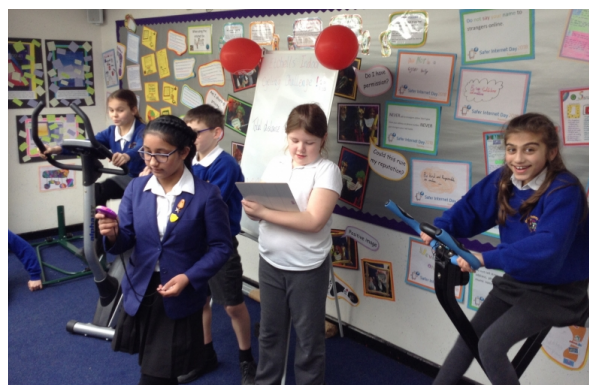
We will be packing it in for the last week of term! Year 5 are heading off on their two day residential to Castleton, in the Peak District, where they will be developing their Geography knowledge, problem solving and team building skills.

Year 3 and 4 are looking forward to their performance of 'Welcome to our World' on Wednesday at 2pm and 6.30pm. Parents of Lower Key Stage 2 children have received a separate letter about tickets. We hope you enjoy experiencing different cultures through an extravaganza of song and dance.



What a fantastic week we have had to support the Sport Relief Charity. There has been so much physical activity and variety of events. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for her excellent organisation of the week. We look forward to topping off the fundraising with a dedicated Sport Relief round of bingo tonight!

If you have managed to gather some sponsors for the week, could you please collect any monies and bring to school before next Thursday. **THANK YOU!!**



Above: Year 5 clocking up the miles on the exercise bikes. Lots of maths going on too adding up all the miles and keeping a running total. I even spied Mr Paddick going the extra mile against some willing volunteers earlier in the week!



Easter Bonnet Parade

The Early Years took part in a fabulous Easter bonnet parade this Wednesday. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend and for all the positive feedback about this new event. The children have thoroughly enjoyed making their bonnets and looking at Nursery in the photo below, I don't know which I like more - their smiles or their headgear!



Summer Term Clubs

Today your child will be bringing home a letter regarding clubs for the Summer Term. Booking for the clubs opens today at 4pm and places allocated on a first come, first served basis.

In response to feedback from the Parent Council, I am pleased to introduce two new clubs. On Mondays we will be running XO size (keep fit with glow sticks) Year 5 tried it out today and absolutely loved it! We are also running a drama club on Wednesdays for Year 3 - 6. Please note, football will also resume in the Summer Term.

Well Done Netball Team!

A great first run out for our netball team at a local tournament. First time on a full size court too. Well done girls!



Best Attenders!

Well done to 6L who have the highest attendance for this half term. At 95% our attendance remains lower than this time last year (95.1%). We are still 1% below National Average - this may not seem much, but is regarded as being significantly below what is expected. Unfortunately, parents continue to book term time holidays and all time taken off school during the period of snow recently, has to be unauthorised. We can only improve our attendance figures if we work together and respect the importance of attending every day. Improving our attendance is one of our two targets for improvement set by Ofsted.

6L have earned themselves a non-uniform day on the last day of term next week. Well done! It's very pleasing to see Y6 attending so well in their run up to the end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests.

6L	97
4R	96.6
6M	96.3
5W	96.1
2PV	95.2
1H	95.1
5R	95
1P	93.9
3TL	93.8
3C	92.8
4M	92.3
2W	91.1

I look forward to seeing many of you later....eyes down!!!

We would like to wish everyone a lovely Easter holiday and will see everyone back on Monday 16th April.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff

