

SCHOOL NEWS

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Summer Term

Welcome back to the Summer Term! It has been a very summery start and the children have enjoyed spreading out on the field at playtimes and lunchtimes and having more space to play in. We have had several trips, a sports tournament and a visit to The Kingsway - we have certainly hit the ground running!

Today we will be sending home Summer Term newsletters for each year group and homework sheets - please look out for them in your child's bag. As always in the summer term, we ask parents to apply 'once a day' suncream to the children to ensure they're protected from the sun all day. Caps or sunhats can be worn outside and water bottles must be brought to school on a daily basis. These need to be filled with water, NOT JUICE, and can be re-filled by the children during the day.

There are some important dates coming up for children in Y1, Y2, and Y6 regarding assessments - please refer to year group newsletter. Other key dates are on the school website calendar.

Polling Day

Local elections will be held on Thursday 3rd May here at school. As there is usually a relatively low turn out for these elections, we will be able to hold the voting in the staff room and secure entrances to the rest of school. Therefore it will be safe to open the school for all pupils that day.

Sports Day



We will once again be holding Sports Day in May as last year this proved to be a little easier with the weather - not too hot or rainy! We just have to keep our fingers crossed; the decision about the weather is always based on the children's safety. Parents will receive a text at the earliest opportunity if we have to postpone the event.

Dates and timings for Sports Day are as follows:

Wednesday 23rd May 2018

EYFS (Reception and Nursery): 9.30am

Key Stage 2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6): 9.30am

Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2): 1.30pm

Reserve Day: Wednesday 13th June

Sport Relief



A fantastic £1435 has been raised so far from our very energetic Sport Relief Sponsor week. This is a tremendous total - thank you! If you still have sponsor money at home please send to school ASAP!



PTA News

An impressive £422.47 was raised at our recent Fish and Chip Bingo evening. Many thanks for all those who came and enjoyed the fun. We raised around £80 for Sport Relief on the night too!

We are now gearing up for the Summer Fair which is taking place on Friday 6th July. This will be our last push to raise funds for the new Key Stage 2 library which we are hoping to create in the school entrance. We are always extremely grateful for all the donations from families which make an amazing difference to the stalls held at the fair. We appreciate that it is helpful to have the dress down day details in advance so please refer to the table below:

Date	Theme	Donations
Fri 4th May	Wear your PJ's	A teddy
Fri 18th May	Non-uniform	Jar of wrapped sweets
Fri June 22nd	Mad Hair	Sweets/Chocolate
Fri 6th July	Summery outfits	Bottle

Chick Mania!!

To add to our very busy first week back, Year 5 have been thrilled to witness the hatching of chicks in their classroom. This is part of their science work and again, is a great example of how we like to bring learning to life here at Etchells.



History Skills Day

On Friday next week (27th April) we will be holding a History Skills Day. We are always looking for ways to really deepen the pupils experience of the curriculum outside of English and Maths. This day will provide the opportunity for classes to focus on the history skills relevant for their age group and have some time to really explore their topic and enjoy some fun-filled activities. If you would like to know more about the progression of History skills at Etchells, please look at the history page on the curriculum area of the website:

<http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk/page/history/20562>

Some classes have the option to dress up - please refer to the list below to see the theme for your child's class and whether dressing up is an option:

- N: The Queen
- R: Our Royal family
- Y1: Grace Darling
- Y2: Victorian Day (optional dress up)
- Y3: Exploring Ancient Egypt
- Y4: Ancient Greek Day (optional dress up)
- Y5: Anglo-Saxon & Viking Day (optional dress up)
- Y6: Crime and Punishment Day

Parent Council

Please find attached the Parent Council Newsletter. It contains really useful information so please take a couple of minutes to read through it.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff

