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Head Boy and Girl

We start every term with the appointment of a new head boy and girl. The pupils who take these positions act as ambassadors to our school and undertake important jobs, including presenting the Star of the Week awards every Monday in assembly. I am delighted to announce that the head boy and girl for the summer term are Daniel and Eva.



SATs Breakfast - help needed please

On Monday 14th May, the Year 6 SATs will be taking place. The children will have tests every day up to and including Thursday. In order to set them up for the morning we provide them with a breakfast of toast, fresh fruit and hot chocolate. It also gives the children chance to relax and chat with their friends before going into a formal testing environment. The teachers and teaching assistants very kindly organise and prepare each morning but we really do benefit from volunteer parents who can come in at 8.45am and help with the washing up and clearing away. At this time the staff need to be with the pupils, getting them ready. If you can help on any of the days, please let Mr Malone know ASAP. Many thanks.

Etchells Masterchef

As part of the Design and Technology curriculum our Year 5 children have been busy developing their cooking skills and creating some wonderful dishes. The children were given a range of ingredients to independently select from to create a stir fry! This involved lots of chopping, peeling, grating and cooking using a heat source!




MasterChef



Dress Down Day Next Week

Next Friday the PTA are asking the children to come to school in their PJs and to donate a teddy. Donations are very much appreciated but as always, are entirely optional.



Message From the PTA

Summer Fair planning is well underway. Please see items needed below and let us know if you can help! pta@etchells.stockport.sch.uk

Rocks- we will be decorating 'Etchells Rocks' at the fair and therefore need rocks. If you have any you can donate please let us know.

Gazebos- the PTA have 2 gazebos but would like to have a few others available on standby in case they're needed.

Asian food- this is always popular at PTA events and sells out fast. If you'd be happy to make some yummy food to donate then please let us know ASAP.

Many thanks in advance! ❤️



Did you know.....?



Some parents have been asking about the way children deal with difficult situations on the playground. In Key Stage 1, we ask the children to communicate their feelings and not to fight back or retaliate. We ask children to show a stop signal with their hand and tell others that they are not happy with the situation and to walk away. The Year 1 and 2 pupils are very clear about this and so we would appreciate it if parents could reinforce this strategy at home and re-iterate that this is the right thing to do.

Ramadan

Ramadan will be starting next month. In the past some parents have requested that their child participates in fasting while at school. We have previously consulted with the Governing Body and it was agreed that only children in Year 5 and 6 would be allowed to fast during the school day. A letter will be sent home for you to give permission should you wish your child to participate. Can I point out that during this period we will be holding SATs assessments, Freddie Fit Playground leader training for Y5 and Sports Day. Staying hydrated is important for these events so we ask you to consider your decision carefully.

Online Safety Update

We like to keep parents as up to date as possible in regard to keeping our children safe online. The internet is an inevitable part of our young peoples lives and it is our responsibility to ensure they use it as safely as possible.

Please look at the following link which takes you to an article around 10 new and dangerous smart phone Apps your child could be using:

https://www.walesonline.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/10-apps-parents-warned-look-14505434?utm_campaign=2081706_Computing_newsletter_April18&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Rising%20Stars&dm_i=2H1W,18M96,2BB3MV,3YoW6,1

You may also be interested in this parent guide for keeping children safe online. It covers everything from online gaming, cyber-bullying and smart-TV streaming to inappropriate content and social media:

https://www.vpnmentor.com/blog/the-ultimate-parent-guide-for-child-internet/?utm_campaign=2081706_Computing_newsletter_April18&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Rising%20Stars&dm_i=2H1W,18M96,2BB3MV,3YoW7,1

Kind regards,

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and the Etchells staff

