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Summer Term Changes

This week I have taken up a part time secondment in a nearby school in order to support them in the absence of their Headteacher. I will be with them on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. This has been arranged in consultation with our Board of Governors who have rigorously checked that the quality of provision here at Etchells will not be compromised.

In my absence, Mrs Mallinson will be out of class and stepping up to the role of Acting Headteacher. We are very grateful to Mrs Macfarlane who has agreed to take on additional teaching of 4M, ensuring continuity and consistency for the class. Mrs Mallinson will be focussing on day to day issues; safeguarding including TAC meetings; staffing and supply; my assembly and teaching commitments and liaising with the PTA. In the afternoons, I will continue to work on school development, monitor teaching and learning, staff development and appraisal and direct work with the Senior Leadership Team. I will continue to work closely with governors and will still be writing the weekly newsletter.

The arrangement is a great acknowledgement of how far we have come as a school. We are increasingly being asked to disseminate our practice in a number of ways across the Local Authority. The senior leaders, teaching and support staff should be given significant credit for the great things being achieved at Etchells.



The Etchells Way

Working together to ensure all our children reach the highest standards and make the best possible progress

The Etchells Way is a document we have had in school for a number of years now. It is key in pulling together all the expectations we have of staff and pupils in relation to Teaching and Learning.

This year we have ensured the document covers all our expectations linked to classroom practice, marking and feedback guidelines, presentation and assessment. It's only 3 pages long and parents might find it useful to take a look. It is available on our website or follow this link:

<http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk/page/the-etchells-way/27700>

Y4 Puberty Talk

A final reminder to Year 4 parents that the children will be having a puberty talk next Thursday. If you would like to preview the teaching presentation, please contact the year 4 staff ASAP.



Fortnite



Want to know more about Fortnite? It's the game that many of our children seem to be playing at home at the moment. It's difficult for parents to really know what these games are about and what the online safety implications are. If you would like to know more about the steps you can take to safeguard your child and to find out about reporting inappropriate contact between a child and another player, please follow this link to a very informative website page:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite-everything-you-need-know-about-online-game>

History Skills Day



The children had a very enjoyable and productive day last Friday focussing on their history skills. You can see the Year 5 children in action below, looking remarkably like Vikings and Anglo-Saxons!

Illnesses

Parents frequently ask us about common childhood illnesses and the rules about returning to school. We have guidance from the Health Protection Agency that we follow and thought it would be useful to summarise here:

○ Chicken Pox

Return to school 5 days after the onset of the rash, after it has become dry and crusted over

○ Slapped Cheek

Fine to come into school

○ Scarlet Fever

24 hours after the antibiotics have started. Please bring antibiotics to school and sign over at the office

○ Sickness and Diarrhoea

Return to school 48 hours after the LAST bout of sickness or diarrhoea

○ Head Lice

Please treat your child at home - they DO NOT need to be off school. If we see live headlice on a child's head, we will phone parents to come and collect in order to apply treatment at the earliest opportunity.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend and we will see everyone back at school on Tuesday 8th May

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff

