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Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd May. Last year we trialled a



different style with Kelliejo and Year 6, and the response was extremely positive. There will be a choice to buy the silly style (most popular last year!) or a more formal style. A reduced price is offered should parents

wish to buy both pictures. We will let you know next week which day your child's class will be having their picture taken on.

SATs Testing

Our Key Stage One children have already started taking their SATs tests this week. For the Y2 children we can make it as informal and relaxed as possible. The test is only a part of their final assessment - our Teacher Assessments still play a large part in the overall judgement for the end of the year. KS1 testing takes place throughout the month of May.

For our Year 6 children taking KS2 SATs, it is a little more formalised. All Year 6 pupils across the country will be taking each test at exactly the same time. We have to administer them in strict test conditions and adhere to the exact timings. We do try and minimise the stress for the pupils and hold the tests across the Year 5 and 6 classrooms, instead of a more formal hall setting. We also have a Breakfast Club to help relax the children and give them some social time before the testing begins.

The tests will take place every day, Monday to Thursday. It is absolutely imperative that your child is in school every day and on time as they will not be able to take the test at another time.

I would like to congratulate the Year 6 pupils for their amazing hard work over the past few weeks as they have focussed on preparing for the tests. We wish them every success and just ask them to take this opportunity to show off everything they know and understand.

Help Still Needed!!

We still need some help with clearing up after the Year 6 Breakfast Club. The staff are able to set up and serve but at 8.45am they need to go with the children to get them ready for the tests. We would really appreciate it if any parents could help with washing up and clearing away on any day, Monday to Thursday. Please could you see Mr Malone if you are able to help. Many thanks.

Sports Day

Don't forget our Sports Day is being held just before half term on Wednesday 23rd May. EYFS and KS2 at 9.30am and KS1 at 1.30pm. Family and friends are welcome to attend.



Message From the PTA

The PTA would like to extend a huge thanks for the amazing amount of teddies donated to school last week. (see below) This will be the making of a really fun stall for the children at the fair.



Next Friday (18th) we are asking for a jar of wrapped sweets for the ever popular hoop a jar stall. The jars can be left plain or decorated. Please do not put anything containing nuts into the jar! In exchange for the donation, the children may come to school in non-uniform. Please remember that donations are entirely voluntary.

Earth Day 2018

The theme of this year's Earth Day is reducing plastic pollution. This morning in assembly, Mrs Mallinson spoke to the KS2 children about a recycling project we are holding in school. We are asking all children to collect plastic bottle tops and to bring them to school every Friday. They will be collected in a giant metal mesh whale and when full, will be sent off for recycling. As a school we are trying to be increasingly mindful about recycling plastic, using the mantra: Reduce - Reduce - Recycle.



Freddy Fit in School

Next week we will be welcoming Freddy Fit back to school to train up our Year 5 children to be lunchtime play leaders. This is just one of the many ways we spend our Sports Premium Funding we receive from the government. The aim of this is to increase physical activity and improve the fitness of our pupils. We are also looking to use the funding to update the outdoor trail as it is in urgent need of repair and upgrade.

Freddy Fit will also be doing a half hour session with our Year 6 children to give them a good dose of physical activity half way through their tests. The main aim of this being fun and energy burning!



Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

