



# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Busy Bees



Breakfast and After School Wrap Around Care

As part of our provision next week, we will be running our first theme week, which will be French week. The children will be immersed in the French culture, experiencing French food and trying new delicacies. The theme will run in both our breakfast and after school club.

Mrs Haastrup and Miss Billinge have been working hard to provide different activities that the children will be completing over the course of the week. From parent feedback, we will be incorporating some French arts and crafts activities in the provision this week. Please do not miss out on this amazing theme week and ensure that you book your child's places in our wrap-around care using the school spider app.

Keep an eye out on Class Dojo and the newsletter next week to see the activities that our Busy Bees Club have been completing this week. This is the first of what we hope will be many theme weeks that we will be running at Busy Bees club.



## Parent Council

Our parent council met this week and had some very productive conversations where we discussed three main topics: school photographs, school dinners and positive feedback we can share with prospective parents.

The feedback we had for school photographs is that the more traditional photographs, where the children are photographed all as one class was much preferred. Therefore, we have contacted the company who are willing to facilitate that request.

In terms of school dinners, we discussed portion sizes and expanding the menu to have more options. This is a discussion we will have with our kitchen staff to see if this is viable.

It was lovely to hear all the positive feedback about school which included: having warm and welcoming teachers, having teachers meet and greet the children at the start of the day, our amazing outside area which includes our forest school area and amazing new Nursery outside area, great communication on Class Dojo etc. We can share this with prospective parents.

For the next meeting, we have asked class reps to gain feedback on homework and any workshops you would like to see in school.



## Staircase House

As part of their Great Fire of London topic, the children in 1P took part in a trip to Staircase House this week. The children took part in a hands on historical experience and brought their learning to life. They had a lovely day making fire marks, wattle and daub and dressing up to retell the story of the fire of London. The behaviour of the children was excellent throughout and everyone had a wonderful trip.



## Young Leaders

This week, two of our Year 6 children completed their Bronze Leadership Programme in Sports with our SHAPES coach Mrs Gawne. We are very impressed with both Tilly and Jessie and their leadership qualities that they are demonstrating. Both children are now confident in leading a warm up with the children and are showing that they can aid in the running of skills sessions.



## Reddish Vale Farm

Our Early Years children had a very exciting trip to Reddish Vale Farm on Wednesday. They were able to observe, feed and learn about a variety of animals and how to care for them. They were very lucky to meet lots of baby animals including a 4 day old duckling and a 9 week old pygmy goat who was rather cheeky! Many thanks for the parent contributions and to those who volunteered to enable the trip to go ahead. The children were exceptionally well behaved and made us very proud.



## World Earth Day

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, on Monday, it was World Earth Day. As a school we completed many different activities including: talking about the problems that plastic causes and making a recycled collage from old pieces of plastic, discussing the difference between single-use and multi-use plastics etc. The children enjoyed the activities but more importantly learnt a valuable lesson.



Kind regards,

Pete Cope and the Etchells staff

