



SCHOOL NEWS

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We have vacancies for two Parent Governors. The Board of Governors is a key element of the Leadership and Management of the school. It is made up of representatives from the community, parent

body, as well as some from a little further afield who are interested in supporting the school in this role. The role doesn't involve canvassing opinion or to give parent feedback to the board; instead, the position involves being a representative of the parent body. The role involves being part of the strategic Leadership and Management of the school, leaving the operational running of the school to the Senior Leadership Team.

It also involves attending a Full Governing Board meeting once a term. These are usually held on a Tuesday, between 4pm and 6pm. You would also be required to join one of our sub-committees: Teaching and Learning or Resources. The committees usually meet once or twice a term, again, between 4pm and 6pm. If you would like any further information about the role, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Mr Kerr, Chair of Governors, using the headteacher email.

All nomination forms (see attached) need to be returned to school, via email, to the headteacher, by Tuesday 14th May, 12 noon. If there are more than two nominations, we will then hold a parental ballot and all families will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred candidates. All parents new to the school are more than welcome to put themselves forward for this really important role.

Stronger TESCO Starts *Every little helps*

I am pleased to announce we came second place in the blue token collection at Tesco.

Considering the large store was Stockport Extra rather than our local Handforth Dean, I think we did very well. The good news is that this still gives us a £1000 grant to put towards resourcing our EYFS outdoor areas. Many thanks for your support with this project.

SEND Coffee Morning



We held a coffee morning this week for our parents who have children in school with SEND. It was so positive for parents to meet with each other and to be able to start to form an important network. Parents were also able to meet with Mrs Kind, Mrs Vedvik and Miss Hobson. We are aiming to follow this up with further meetings and include visits from professionals too.



PTA Summer Fair



The PTA Summer Fair will be upon us in a matter of weeks! The focus of the summer fair is usually about having lots of fun and games out on the school field and the

committee have been busy planning some really exciting new stalls. We completely rely on volunteers in order for the fair to happen and in the coming weeks we will be sharing a signing up sheet for half hour slots.

We also rely heavily on donations from our families to create the stalls and make prizes. The donations are always voluntary and all children can still take part in the fun days taking place. Please make a note of the donation and fun days coming up:

Date	Donation	In exchange for....
Friday 10th May	Sweets	Be different day (more info to follow)
Friday 24th May	A children's book	Wear your PJs, onesies, dressing gowns and slippers
Friday 14th June	Chocolate	Non-uniform
Friday 28th June	Bottle	Summer clothes

Cross Country Success



A huge well done to our KS2 children who took part in a cross country event at Thorn Grove Primary this week. Alina and Abi both won their races! Thank you to all the parents who supported with this event.

Y1 to Staircase House



Year One had a fabulous day at Staircase House this week. The trip is part of their topic learning all about The Great Fire of London.

Head Girl and Boy



Anaia and Tyler have taken up the role of Head Girl and Boy for the summer term. We know they will do a great job of being ambassadors for our school and undertaking important duties.

Therapy Dog



We had a very special guest in school this week: Mrs Chappell's dog, Clover, who has just completed her training to become a fully-qualified therapy dog. We hope Clover can help us with some support work in school (this will be done with full parental consent).

Next Monday is Bank Holiday and so we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. Enjoy the long weekend.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

