



# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Holiday Fines

Important changes are being made to holiday fines - otherwise known as Education Penalty Notices (EPNs). The aim of the new rules is to reduce the number of days missed by children due to unauthorised absences - especially for term time holidays. They will take effect from September 2024 so please be mindful of the following points going forward:

- ◆ For the first fine issued for after the start of the 24-25 school year, the fine will increase to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.
- ◆ If a second fine is then issued to the same parent for the same child within three years of the first fine, it will be for £160.
- ◆ Subsequent offences - no further fines can then be issued if two have already been issued to the same parent for the same child within the previous three years (starting with the date of the first fine); instead the parent will be prosecuted by the Local Authority in the Magistrates' Court.

Holiday dates can be found on the school website under 'School Office' or by clicking [here](#). I have also attached a copy to this newsletter. Further information regarding the changes to EPNs will be sent home in a letter from the Local Authority welfare team after half term.

## Reminder: Sports Day Arrangements



We are planning to hold our Sports Day next Wednesday. You

are welcome to come and watch. The timings are as follows:

EYFS: 9.15am, please stand on the outside of the ball court

KS2 (years 3,4,5 & 6): 9.15am, please wait on the side of the field

KS1 (years 1 and 2): 1.30pm, please wait on the side of the field

The PTA are trying to find volunteers to help sell cold drinks and biscuits. At the moment we don't have anyone to do this so if you can help, please contact them directly on: [pta@etchells.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:pta@etchells.stockport.sch.uk)

If the weather makes it unsafe to hold our Sports Day on Wednesday 22nd May, we will send out a text and a whole school dojo message. Please do not phone the school office to enquire - if you haven't heard from us, it's ON!!

We hope to hold a parents' race for KS1 and KS2 so don't forget to bring your trainers!



**Save the Date!**

**SUMMER FAIR**

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE  
5-7pm

ETCHELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- game stalls ·
- delicious food ·
- face glitter ·
- raffle ·
- giant slide ·
- bar ·
- henna ·
- skin doodles ·
- and much much more!

**PTA Donation Day**

Next Friday is Pyjama Day!! We are asking for a voluntary donation of a child's book in good condition to be used as prizes at the Summer Fair. We are aiming to reduce the amount of plastic prizes as well as sweet treats. Pyjamas, dressing gowns, onesies can all be worn. Donations are, as ever, completely voluntary and PJs can be worn by everyone.

**Half Term Holiday Clubs**

LSC's Ofsted registered School Holiday Courses are running during the school holidays at a number of locations across Stockport for children in Reception to Year 6.

**Cheadle Town Football Club (SK8 2AN)**  
The Cheadle Town Football Factory  
You can view the [flyer](#) or [visit the website](#) for more information.

**Thorn Grove Primary School (SK8 7LD)**  
You can view the [flyer](#) or [visit the website](#) for more information.

- Multi-Sports
- Dance
- Football

Stockport County Community Trust



Lots of options for clubs across both weeks of half term. More information and booking details can be found [here](#).

**Year 6 SATs**

**WELL DONE!**

A massive well done to our Year 6 children for taking their assessment week in their stride and giving it their best - just as we asked. We hope they can relax over the weekend and look forward to all the exciting events to come over their final half term at Etchells.

**NO PARKING on pavement**

Please consider the safety of pedestrians, parents with buggies and wheelchair users and don't park on the pavements outside school. Car doors opening onto the footpaths can cause serious accidents. We ask you to park responsibly - especially on rainy days! Thank you.

Kind regards,  
**Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff**

