



SCHOOL NEWS

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General Election

As you will have no doubt heard in the news, a General Election has been called and polling will take place on Thursday 4th July. Stockport Council designate a large number of schools to serve as polling stations. Normally, when council elections are held, we can manage the smaller numbers in the staff room and keep the school open. However, for General Elections we have to use the school hall and the main entrance. Therefore, for safeguarding reasons, we will have to close the school to children.



In order to help parents with a childcare solution, we are proposing to open our Busy Bees club for the day, from 7.30am to 5.45pm. There would be a flat rate of £40 for the day. No half days would be offered. The children can be kept safe in the provision and wouldn't need to use the hall or the front entrance. You do not need to be currently registered with Busy Bees but a registration form would have to be completed. This is easy to do. At this point we are taking expressions of interest before we open bookings. If this is something you would be interested in taking up, please email busybeesclub@etchells.stockport.sch.uk stating your child/children's names and classes.



It was such a shame that after a lovely few sunny days we had to postpone our Sports Day this week. Just to confirm that the new date is Wednesday 12th June. The arrangements outlined in previous newsletters will remain exactly the same.

Cross Country

21 children from KS1 took part in a cross country competition at Hursthead. There were more than 100 children in some of the races! Our Y1 boys were 3rd overall. It was a great experience and the first time that many of them have done a cross country race.



Assessments

The first week back after the Whit half term will see our Year 1 children taking their phonics screening and Year 4 completing their Multiplication Tables Check. Attendance and punctuality is absolutely essential during this week.



Half Term Clubs and Activities



FOOTBALL COACHING

WHIT WEEK CAMP

TUESDAY 28TH MAY - THURSDAY 30TH MAY
9.30AM - 3.30PM (FREE EARLY DROP/LATE STAY)
CLUB CHEADLE HULME, SK8 7JX

SIGN UP VIA THE QR CODE, OR THE LINK ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES.




BOOK TODAY



Swimming Holiday Courses

Life Leisure run intensive swimming courses during school holidays at selected Life Leisure swimming pools. The courses are a great opportunity to boost your child's progression as they swim every day and therefore build up their confidence quickly. Courses are available for ages 4 to 12 and abilities from beginners to improvers.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



I have attached to this newsletter a very useful one page document for parents about the use of WhatsApp. Do you know about the following risks:

- Evolving scams
- Visible Locations
- Contact from strangers
- Chat Lock
- 'View Once' content
- Fake News

The below is one of my favourite tips:

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

Please read the flyer for more information.

New Play Leaders

Jenny Gawne, our specialist PE teacher, has been working with some of our pupils to help them complete their Bronze Leadership award. Well done to both Alissia and Skylah for achieving this. Alissia has become a really strong leader with great organisational skills and the children have really responded well to her. Skylah also has a great relationship with the younger pupils and she is really good at explaining activities 1 - 1 when they haven't understood something. Well done both of you!

Have a lovely holiday and we'll see you back for the final half term of the year on Monday 10th June. Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff

