

SCHOOL NEWS

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Plaza Awards

On Tuesday our Reception children and 3TL were invited to take part in an evening to celebrate Sport in Schools in Stockport. They were rewarded for their Wake and Shake routines which they developed during their time in Nursery and Year 2 last year. Gold and Bronze awards were presented, so huge congratulations to the children and teachers. Etchells was also presented with two additional awards; Mrs Roberts received an Innovations Award for her work on the Daily Mile with all of our children and Etchells was commended for our 'Commitment to Participation in PE, School Sport and Physical Activity'. Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who attended on Tuesday night and additional thanks to Miss Pennill and Mrs Roberts who do such a fantastic job leading Sport and PE in school.

If you would like to see the Nursery routine performed at the Plaza by our Nursery children, please use a QR code reader to access the code on the right.



Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who has made an appointment for Parents' Evening. Please use the password that was emailed to you to access the Parent Log-In area of the school website. The bookings page will close on Monday at 3.30pm so please ensure you make your appointment this weekend. If you would like Mrs Kind, our SENCO (Special Needs Co-ordinator), to join you and the teacher for your consultation, please phone the office to arrange.



Well done to all the children who completed the summer reading challenge with the local library. It is wonderful that these children kept up a good reading habit during the holidays and have enjoyed their reading so much. You can see their names on the Special Mentions list.

Sponsor Money

We would be grateful if all sponsor money could be sent into school as soon as possible. Thank you.



Online Safety Morning for Parents



On Tuesday 16th October at 9am, we are holding an Online Safety Information morning. The

session will last for about an hour and is led by Tanya Cross, the PSHE Lead consultant in Stockport. Some parents may remember a similar session was delivered a couple of years ago which was extremely well attended. We were all amazed at the information, facts and figures given to us about the way our children use the internet. This is an adult only session and we ask that pre-school children are not brought as it can make it very hard to hear the information.

Do you know what your child is accessing on the internet through their phones and tablets? Tanya will give you all the information you need and how to keep your children safe.

We are finding that more of our children are coming to school extremely tired and are finding it hard to concentrate, sit correctly and engage with their learning. Some of our children in Year 5 and 6 report of bedtimes as late as 11pm with some staying up on their phones until after midnight. Please click the link below to find out exactly how much sleep is recommended for the age of your child.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep-and-tiredness/how-much-sleep-do-kids-need/#9->

Nursery Volunteers

We always welcome volunteers into school, but at the moment we are really in need of parent volunteers in our Nursery. If you can spare us any time we would be extremely grateful - even an hour on one day would be appreciated. Please let Mrs Revill or the school office know if you can help out.

PTA AGM

Yesterday evening we held our Annual General meeting of the PTA. We received a report from the outgoing Chair, Chris Dean, who outlined the huge successes of the new committee last year. As well as organising wonderful community events, the PTA raised over £8000 which has helped us finish the outdoor learning area, provide a leaving video for our Y6, World Book Day prizes, as well as a new library for KS2 which we hope will be installed in a few months time. We are also planning a scooter and bike rack out of the funds raised.

Many thanks to not only the PTA, but to all the parents and families who have supported and attended the events as well as providing donations for our fairs.

I am delighted to welcome the new PTA committee and wish them every success going forward:

Chair - Fazila Sidatt

Vice Chair - Andrea Pollitt

Secretary - Jackie Clays

Treasurer - Denise Maskew

At the meeting it was agreed that this year's fundraising would be focused on replacing the wooden trim trail and surfacing on the edge of the field.

It has come to our attention that some parents haven't been receiving the newsletter by email. We are confident this is now resolved; if you would like to read the newsletters since September, you can find a quick link to them at the bottom left of our website homepage.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

