



SCHOOL NEWS

Last Newsletter of the Year

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.30PM NEXT FRIDAY

End of Year Goodbyes

Next week we will say a final farewell to our Year 6. What a fantastic year group they have been, amazing in so many ways. They have been fully involved with school life, tackling each challenge as it came and working so hard towards their end of KS2 SATs. The end of year production has showcased what brilliant young people they have become and how ready they are for their next stage of education. We're really proud of them all and will miss them as they move on to their new schools. We wish them every success in their next steps and hope they carry the Etchells' Values with them for ever more. We will miss you Year 6!

We also say goodbye to several members of staff: Mrs Roberts who is relocating her work to be nearer to home; Mr Wistow who has done a fabulous job covering Mrs Roberts' maternity leave and teaching 5W for the year and also Mrs Choudhury, who is taking up a post elsewhere. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to Etchells and wish them the very best for the next steps of their careers.

In September we will be welcoming two new SEND Teaching Assistants to the team: Mr Johnson and Miss Kenney. We look forward to them starting in this extremely important role.

Ethnic Diversity Service Award



Over the past year, we have been working towards the Bronze award from the Ethnic Diversity Service.

This award is given to those schools who place a value on inclusion, diversity and acceptance. As a school, we have implemented many different initiatives this year to promote diversity such as ensuring that signs around school are represented in multiple languages, introducing language of the half term to celebrate the languages that are spoken across school and introducing a new induction procedure for those children who are new to England, to name a few. All the hard work was recognised this week when we became only the second school in Stockport to receive this award. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Miss Wilson for her hard work leading on this important project. We will be receiving the certificate in September and then we are hoping to become the first school in Stockport to receive the Silver award from the service.

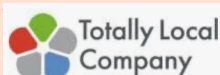


Sports Ambassadors Award



A huge well done to Jesse, Alissia, Tilly and Skylah for working so hard towards their Sports Ambassadors Award. They have

worked hard on their leadership skills and have grown in confidence leading sessions with their peers. They have also worked on refereeing matches in a calm and fair way. Mrs Gawne has commented how impressed she was with all the girls and they should be very proud of what they have achieved.



School Meals

Due to the continuing issues surrounding cost of living and the inflated prices for food, our school meal provider, Totally Local Company, have come to the difficult decision to increase the prices for school meals. The company have worked hard to redesign the menus and negotiated with suppliers to keep the cost as low as they can so it has minimal impact on families. We can assure you that the quality of the meals will remain high and that the company are committed to providing a welcoming and enjoyable dining experience for your children. From September, the cost of a school meal will be £2.65. The increase in cost is lower than the current rate of food inflation.

Book Fair Thanks

Many thanks to all our families who came to our Book Fair. I am pleased to say that we earned £308 in commission which we can use to spend on new books for our school libraries.

Thanks from the PTA

Our PTA wanted to share a message with you all about the fundraising efforts from the year: *"The PTA is run by a small group of parent volunteers and we spend lots of our spare time organising events for the school such as: Christmas fair, summer fair, our first ever movie night, family bingo, silly socks, spooky disco, non uniform day, to name a few. We would like to thank all the families for their support over the past year as we have raised over £9,000. We hope you all have a lovely summer, the PTA committee."*

We would like to thank our wonderful PTA for all that they do! It is very much appreciated."



New Uniform

New uniform will be available to buy on the INSET day on Monday 2nd September from 11am. You can also order online via the [school website](#) and the items will be given to your child in class. Please note, ALL children should have a new logo white T shirt for PE, though sweatshirts with the old logo on are still fine until they wear out or are too small.

I would like to thank all our families for your support and partnership over this academic year. Thanks also to the staff for their tireless work, enthusiasm and dedication in providing our children with fantastic learning opportunities and experiences. I wish everyone a lovely summer break and we will see you all back on Tuesday 3rd September, raring to go from 8.45am.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

