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New Parent Council

For those parents new to us, you may be interested to hear that we have a Parent Council. This group is made up from a representative from every class and they meet with myself, Mrs Mallinson and Mr Malone. The purpose of the Council is to give parents a voice and an opportunity to ask questions and raise any issues brought to them. Each rep acts as a contact point for parents in their class and either through an email or Facebook page, gathers points which can be brought to the table. After the meeting, minutes of the discussion are emailed out to all parents. We have found this is an invaluable way of consulting with parents about school issues as well as answering questions and solving any difficulties. The Council meets once or twice a term at 4.45pm for one hour.

If you would like to represent your class, please email me directly on:

headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk

Please state the class you would like to represent, your child's name and any days of the week you are not available for meetings. Any parents who have previously been part of the Council are more than welcome to put their names forward again. We will hold the first meeting in the week beginning 12th November.

Respect!!



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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Stockport Council have been working with leaders, unions and schools to draw up a Respect Charter for all parents to follow. Copies of the charter were emailed to Parents earlier this week as it now forms part of our Home-School Agreement. If you haven't already done so, please read the charter and the Home-School Agreement before your parents evening appointment, as you will be asked to sign a copy. There is a more detailed policy to follow which will be shared with parents once it has been approved by Governors.



Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We very much appreciated the donations of cakes as well as the hard work

of the volunteers who helped out. Special thanks to Mrs Cotterill for expertly organising the morning and helping us raise £400.

Nursery Parents' Evening

As our Nursery children have only just completed their settling in period, we have delayed their Parents Evening to November. More details to follow.



School Photos

Next week the children will be having their school photograph taken. All families will be taken together. **If you would prefer your children to have their photo taken individually then you MUST let the school office know by email over the weekend.** Please send the name of your children and their classes to admin@etchells.stockport.sch.uk.

We are aiming for the following classes to be taken on **Monday**: All Reception, 1H, All Year 3, 4 and 5 and on **Tuesday**: 1P, All Year 2 and 6.

Nursery will be taken on Tuesday and Friday.

Online Safety

We aim to keep parents as up to date as possible with new Apps and internet crazes that our children may be accessing and the dangers they can be exposed to. You may not know that we have a page on the 'Additional' section of the school website dedicated to advice for parents around online safety. Please check this page out for guidance regarding Snapchat, Instagram, Online Gaming as well as NSPCC advice.

<http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk/page/e-safety/24046>

We are currently being informed that TikTok is being used by many of our young people. It is linked to musical.ly which caused quite a stir last year. The security settings on TikTok are particularly poor and children are uploading photos and films whilst wearing their school uniform which puts them at risk. Please read the information in the following link to be fully informed:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app>



PTA Donation Days

Plans are getting underway for the PTA Christmas Fair and Makers Market. This will be taking place on:

Friday 30th November, 5-7pm.

In order to give the Fair as much variety as possible, we do ask for donations in the run up to the event. We have a theme for each of the days, but we don't expect any money to be spent on dressing up - please be creative with what you have at home. Please remember that donation days are entirely optional.

Day	Theme	Donation
Fri 19th Oct	Non-uniform	£1 for the cash raffle prize
Fri 2nd Nov	Silly Socks	Chocolate
Fri 23rd Nov	Mad Hair	Decorated jar of unopened sweets
Fri 30th Nov	Christmas themed clothes and/or accessories	A full, unopened bottle

Congratulations ...



.....to Mrs Unwin and the kitchen team for achieving a 5 star hygiene rating once again!

Book Fair

We will be holding our Autumn Book Fair in school next week from Wednesday 10th October to Tuesday 16th. It will be open from 3.30pm to 4pm. Leaflets have been sent home today to give you a taster of the books available. A book makes a great post-parents evening treat and also raises money to buy books for the school. Please support the Book Fair if you can.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

