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PTA AGM

Next Tuesday, 24th September, we will be holding our PTA annual general meeting in school from 4pm to 5pm. If you would like to come along to the meeting and get involved in our PTA then it would be very much appreciated and you would be very welcome. It is also an opportunity to see the exciting work that the PTA did last year and have your say on events that are planned for this academic year.



Cycle To Work Week

Next week, 23rd-27th September, is annual cycle to school week. We are encouraging families to travel to school by bike, foot or by scooter. As a school we endeavour to be as sustainable as we can and this is another way in which we can help the environment. A pedal powered commute is good for our health, our schools and our planet. Swapping from using a car to cycling, walking or scooting will have a big impact on the emissions around school. We are making a pledge towards the cause as a school and will be recording which families manage to make it to school using an alternative to the car. We understand that this is not possible for all of our families but we would encourage that for next week we have as many of our families involved in this project as we can.

Attendance

Following on from last week's newsletter about the importance of attendance, we will be celebrating the classes with the best attendance for the week. We will be highlighting the three classes with the best overall attendance each week. Alongside this, at the end of each half term, we will be awarding the classes that have the best overall attendance for the half term and those three classes will receive an extra play time on the last Friday of term. We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable due to illness, however, here is a link to the NHS website discussing 'If your child is well enough for school': [Here is the link](#)

ATTENDANCE



Heald Blue

Thank you for all your support on Monday for our Heald Blue event in school. It was wonderful to see the whole school go blue for the day. Please remember that there are a number of events happening in the village over the course of the weekend. Note that on Sunday there will be a parade through Heald Green Village so Finney Lane will be closed from 12:30pm till 1:30pm.



Visitors in the Classrooms

We have had two exciting visitors to classrooms over the past few weeks. Firstly, in Year 1, we had Bumblebear who came into both classes looking for his honey. The children came up with some great ideas of where he could find it. Thank you for helping Year 1!



In Year 5, Mrs Chappell brought in her lovely dog Clover. This was part of the children's English

lessons where they experienced what it was like to interact, stroke and be around a dog. You can see from the smile on everyone's faces that it was a great experience.

Parent Feedback

Thank you very much to all the parents/carers who took the time to fill out the end of year questionnaire last year after your child's annual report. It was lovely to see all the positive comments about the changes that we have made to school. Here is a summary of some of the key positives that parents mentioned:

- Etchells Primary School celebrates diversity and being inclusive.
- Teachers greeting children in the mornings has a massive impact and it is easy to ask questions if you are unsure of anything.
- Good range of sports opportunities for the children to participate in
- Helpful and attentive teachers that push my child's development and challenge them, but give them space to grow at their own pace.
- Welcoming environment.
- Keeping parents up to date with what is being taught in class through Clasdojo.

Thank you for providing areas of development and we will look to use these to improve as a school.



Kind regards,

Pete Cope

and the Etchells staff

