



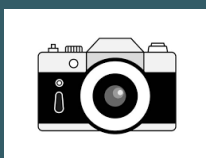
SCHOOL NEWS

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School Photographs

Next Wednesday, 16th October, the school photographer will be in to take the children's photos individually as well as sibling photographs.

Please ensure that the children come to school in their full uniform, including their school jumper or cardigan.



Peripatetic teaching

After listening to our Parent Council last year, we have been in contact with music tutors to explore what we could offer at school. A letter will be coming home on

Monday with details of Miss Miles, a music tutor who will be delivering piano lessons during the school day on a Wednesday after half term. There are an extremely limited amount of places so we will be doing this on a first come, first serve basis. Please could you return the slip to the school office if you would like your child to take part. We are also offering a discounted rate for those children who are eligible for Pupil Premium, details on the letter.



Sporting Events

This week has been a busy one at Etchells for sporting events, with the children taking part in three different activities. Firstly, on Tuesday we took a group of KS2 children to Cross Country at Lum Head. The children enjoyed it and we had some children finishing in the top 5 in some of the races. Then on Wednesday, Etchells hosted two events, an athletics event in the morning for our Year 1 children, where different schools came to compete. Our children really enjoyed the event and it was a pleasure to see all the enjoyment that was being had. Later that same day, we hosted a football match against Prospect Vale. Again the enjoyment was clear to see, please see some photos from the week.



Attendance

Here are the top three classes this week for attendance. Well done to 1M and 2H for having the highest attendance this week.

Class	Attendance
1M	99.5%
2H	99.5%
5L	98.6%

Please look at the School Hall window to see a full list of classes attendance this week.



Christmas Fair Dates

On Friday 18th October, the children are to come to school in their pyjamas in exchange for a small gift. Please find the following message from the PTA: This year we are introducing a Secret Santa Gift Station at our Christmas Fair! This will work by allowing the children to come in without their parent/carer and choose a gift for their loved ones and wrap it so they can surprise them on Christmas Day. This will be staffed by school staff and had proved hugely popular at other schools. Please could you bring in a small item e.g. a bath bomb, picture frame, candle, new socks, box of chocolates or anything else you think may be appropriate. I have also attached the poster to the newsletter.



Show Racism the Red Card

As a school, we have a zero tolerance for racism of any form or kind. To show our support we are going to all wear red to show racism the red card. Children can come to school in red or wear an item of red to celebrate the day on Thursday 17th October. Although the recognised day is the Friday, the children will already be coming into school in their pyjamas on that day. We are not asking children to bring in donations but if you would like to donate then please follow this [link](#) to donate. We will also be completing work with the children around this and the important message that should be shared.

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Car Park

We are having a number of issues with parents parking in our school car park at the end of the school day. We have children who require transport from school due to mobility issues and with parents using the car park it is making the situation dangerous for those children. Unless prearranged with myself, please can you refrain from using the car park. There will be members of the Senior Leadership Team questioning parents in the car park starting next week. We have to ensure the safety of the children so please could you find alternative parking.



Teach Me Tribe

One of our former teachers, Miss Williams, has recently started her own tutoring business- Teach Me Tribe. We are aware that we get asked if we have any recommendations on tutors for Reading, Writing, Maths or Year 6 preparation and Miss Williams is an excellent teacher with lots of experience. Moreover, Teach Me Tribe are offering 10% off your first online or face-to-face session for Etchells pupils.

You can contact teachme-tribe@outlook.com to book your session or follow Teach Me Tribe on Facebook.

Kind regards,

Pete Cope and the Etchells staff

