

SCHOOL NEWS

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Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Christmas Fair last Friday. It was a tremendous team effort! A record £2400 was raised which will be put towards replacing the trim trail out on the playground next summer!! Thank you to the new committee who worked extremely hard to organise the event in just a few weeks; it was quite an achievement. Thanks again to parents and our local community for all the donations which really help make the Fair the fun event it is. I would also like to thank all the parents and staff who helped out on stalls and with setting up and tidying away.

There are still 2 raffle prizes which haven't been collected. Please collect from the school office.

- Pink 89
- White 960
- Green 360



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Christmas dinner will be served on Monday and we will be combining it with National Christmas Jumper Day. Any Christmas tops or colours are fine and all children, including those on packed lunches, can join in! If you would like to contribute to the Save the Children Fund, please bring in a voluntary donation of your choice on the day.

Christmas Post Box



Children are able to send their Christmas cards to each other through the school Christmas post box. Please ensure the front of the envelopes have the following information:

First name Surname

Class

If cards aren't clearly addressed, it will not be possible to deliver them.

Requests for Absence

Please ensure that all requests for absence are issued to the school office using the official form. This is available on the school website:

<http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk/page/attendance/4709>

Even if you know the absence will be unauthorised, the form still needs to be submitted so we know where your child is. Please do not email me directly with requests for absence.



Photos for EYFS and KS1 performances

Well done to the EYFS for a fantastic performance of 'Christmas Counts' this Wednesday. The children were fantastic and put on a beautiful show.

Kelliejo is providing a wide range of photographs from each of the EYFS and KS1 Performances. 5" x 7" prints are available to buy for £1 with all proceeds going to the PTA.

KS1 photographs will be available to order before and after the shows on Thursday and Friday afternoon next week. No further orders will be taken after this date as time needs to be allowed for printing and distribution before the end of term.

Sadly, Kelliejo has decided this will be the final piece of work she will do at Etchells and I would like to thank her for all the photography she has done for us which includes the website homepage, Y6 leavers photos, pictures for our 'School Tour' on the website and prospectus information.



Key 103 Mission Christmas

Just a reminder that we are an official drop-off point for the Key 103 Christmas Cash for Kids appeal. We have a huge box in the school entrance, but it's only just about half full! If you would like to donate a present, please ensure it is unwrapped and drop it to us by Friday 14th December (next week). Let's see what we can do for this very worthwhile, local charity appeal.

Holiday Consultation 2020-21

Last week I informed parents about the consultation over holiday dates for 2020-21. I attended a Heads meeting this week and we were told there had been over 1400 responses which was unprecedented. Although the consultation only asks about the preference between one or two weeks at Whit half term, there was an indication that the full calendar of dates would be reviewed. The LA will meet with headteachers again in January to discuss but wanted to let the consultation run its full course first. The opportunity to respond closes on 31st December 2018, so if you want to avoid an extended Christmas holiday to the 11th January and a summer term which takes us to the 5th August 2021, please go online and have your say. If you skip through the admission questions, it is very quick to complete.

Headteachers are proposing that we start on the 1st September 2020 (rather than the 7th) and then finish on the 30th July 2021 (instead of the 5th August). We would also like to see the Christmas holiday starting earlier and finishing earlier to avoid a very long Autumn term.

The proposed arrangements can be viewed [here](#) and you can [have your say here](#).

School Railings - Can You Help?



We are extremely grateful to the airport volunteers for painting the majority of our school fence. There is one small section left to do and so we are asking if anyone is able to or knows anyone who could join a working party to finish off! Please let me know by email or contact the school office. It would be great to get it finished.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

