

SCHOOL NEWS

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Y2 Gymnastics

Year 2 had an amazing gymnastics session with Adam from ACE Coaching yesterday. This formed part of their 'Keeping Healthy' topic and they enjoyed developing their jumps, balances and overall coordination. A particular favourite was the inflatable tumble track!



Sickness

Unfortunately it's that time of year when there are a lot of bugs about. If your child is unwell, it is essential that you phone into school each day. Please do not email the headteacher or admin address as these are not necessarily checked first thing in the morning. We do, however, check the voicemail for any messages left by parents. If a child is missing from school, it raises a safeguarding concern and we are duty bound to involve the Education Welfare Officer.

If your child has a headache or slight temperature which can be treated with Calpol, please bring them to school with the medicine and we can administer it at lunch time for you. All medicines must be signed in to the school office.

PTA Fish and Chip Bingo Night



Eyes down.....! It'll soon be time for this hugely popular family PTA event so save the date now: Friday 29th March 5-7pm.

Information about tickets will come out later this term. If anyone would be willing to help on the night - either setting up, clearing away, selling drinks or even just handing out the fish and chips, please contact the PTA directly to let them know.

In our mission to reduce our use of single use plastic, we will be asking families to bring their own cutlery for the event.



Parents' Evening

This term's Parents Evening Consultations will be taking place on Thursday 7th February from 3.30pm to 7.20pm and Monday 11th February, 3.30pm to 5.50pm.

Please make every effort to attend as the partnership between school and home is a crucial part of your child's Primary education. We ask that you don't bring children to these meetings as there will be no supervision and we do not invite them to be part of the discussion. Thank you to all the parents who respect this request and make arrangements for child care.

Appointments need to be made on the Parent Area of the school website. Passwords have been issued to all parents. Bookings can be made from Monday 21st January at 3.30pm, and close on Monday 4th February at 3.30pm.

Year 5 consultations will take place on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March. Booking information will be made available nearer the time. If you have any immediate concerns please let us know and we will endeavour to address them.

Governors' Teaching and Learning committee



This week Mrs Mallinson, Mr Cope and myself met with the Teaching and Learning governors' committee. We have made a good deal of changes to

our curriculum over the last six months and have overhauled the way we plan, deliver and assess what we call the Foundation Curriculum. These are all the subjects aside from English and Maths. Our new approach is defined by our philosophy: **Know - Explore - Communicate**. If you would like to know more about this, please visit the curriculum page on our school website where you will find the updated Curriculum Policy, the Teaching and Learning Policy and a leaflet which outlines our approaches and ethos. <http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk/page/curriculum/20557>



Reminders

- Remember to save those 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins for our NSPCC charity event on Friday 1st February.
- Please ensure all school uniform is named. As the weather is getting colder and more hats, scarves, gloves and coats are brought in, it is vital that these items are named. In the event of snow, we recommend children wear wellies and warm socks so they can go outside at playtime, but again, they must be NAMED. If you don't already, you may want to purchase stick on name labels which are long lasting and make life much easier! We recommend: www.mynametags.com where the children can design their own!
- Don't forget to check out our new school video. The children do an amazing job of telling the story of Etchells and what we're all about!

 [A 2 Minute Taster of our School](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDNnm_nA8Co&feature=youtu.be)

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Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff

