

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back!! | Dates | Bike Rack



Welcome to the Summer Term!

Welcome back to the final term of the academic year. I hope everyone had a lovely break and enjoyed the sunshine. We have hit the ground running with our learning for this term and today you will receive the homework and newsletter for your child's year group. Please check the letter for key dates for this term. These can also be found on the calendar on the school website.

We're hoping for lots of good weather and sunshine this term but we do need our pupils to be prepared. When a sunny day is forecast, please apply all day suncream to your child and send them to school with a hat/cap and a filled water bottle. Please ensure all uniform, bottles and hats etc are clearly named. If you don't already, you may wish to purchase name stickers from

www.mynametags.com who provide name tags which literally stick on everything - bottles, shoes, wellies, fabrics, coats, lunchboxes. The children can create their own design! It really does make it a lot easier for us to identify clothing, especially in the summer months, when children are frequently taking off sweatshirts.

Manchester Airport Thanks

Our thanks again to the Manchester Airport Community Relations team for organising additional volunteers to come and finish painting the school fence. It has made such a difference to the front of our school and we have had lots of positive comments.

Our Head Girl and Boy

I am delighted to announce that Georgia and Harry have been elected by pupils and staff to take up the position of Head Girl and Boy for the Summer Term. Thank you to Thea and Tom for a great job last term - you represented the school brilliantly.



Polling Day



Next Thursday is polling day for the local council elections. As the expected turnout is much lower than that for general elections and referendums, we will be able to hold the polling in the staff room. We are able to lock this part of the school off from the children and ask voters to access via the external staffroom door. Please come to school as normal - it will be business as usual!



Key Assessments

This term will see a number of Key Assessments taking place for several of our year groups. Please see the table below for further details. Attendance is always vital, but this term is really important in order for the children to be involved with pre-test preparation and the assessments themselves. Pupils will not be able to take the assessments at other times - the dates are set nationally, with all children participating during the same time period. Please ensure your child is in school on time every day. We very much appreciate your support with this.

Key Assessment Dates

Year 1	Phonics Check	Week beginning: Monday 19th June
Year 2	KS1 SATs	Weeks beginning: Tuesday 7th May and Monday 13th May
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check	Week beginning: Monday 24th June
Year 6	KS2 SATs	Week beginning: Monday 13th May

Spring 2 Attendance

I am pleased to say that attendance for the school so far this year is 95.8%. We are getting very close to the National Average of 96% and there is still time to make further improvements! Well done to all the classes who achieved 96% and above and congratulations to 6R for their amazing achievement.

6R	98.8
5L	98
1H	97.9
3TL	97
2W	96.4
1P	96.2
3C	96.2
6W	95.9
4R	95.6
2V	95.2
4M	94.8
5C	94.2

Parking

We have been identified as one of twenty schools in Stockport in need of support in tackling issues with parking outside school. I had a meeting with a council representative this week and we have some very positive plans in place. This includes placing bollards on the pavements to prevent parking up the kerb. We also discussed additional railings around the exit points at school. Please ensure that you take notice of all the double yellow lines and zig zags around school and park legally.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

Food Bank Donations

One of our parents is co-ordinating collections for our local food bank based at Trinity Church in Cheadle. As a school we would very much like to assist with this and are asking our families and staff to make a contribution if you can. We will begin collecting on Monday next week; the final day to donate will be on Friday. Please send in any items with your child which they can leave in a designated box in their classroom. The food bank particularly benefits from donations of long life food such as: long life milk, long life orange juice, tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned tomatoes, tinned puddings, instant coffee and any type of toiletries. It would be fantastic to make a difference to this very worthy cause and I thank you in advance for any offerings you can make.

