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Residentials are Back!



It was wonderful this week to see both our residential trips back in action. Look at the happy Year 6 faces above during their 3 day trip to Robinwood. They had a fabulous time taking part in a variety of different activities: archery, giant swing, nightline etc. The children were impeccably behaved and the leaders remarked that the group was one of the best that they have ever seen. A massive well done for the children pushing themselves out of their comfort zone as well.



Year 5 have spent 2 days in Castleton in the Peak District and return today - hopefully not too wet and worn out!

Holiday Clubs



Sportscool are once again holding a holiday club based at Outwood Primary School, Monday to Friday for children in Reception up to Year 6. A wide range of sports are on offer and they are now introducing fencing for the first time. Please see attached flyer for further details. One free day is available for 5 children - please email stephen.b@sportscool.org if you're interested.



Our coach who delivers PE tennis, as well as the after school club, is providing a half term tennis camp for all ages. Wrap around care is also available. Further information can be found [here](#) and in the attached flyer.

Wrap Around Care



We have some spaces in the Little Flyers Before and After School Club provision. You don't have to book a regular slot, they have some capacity for ad hoc bookings too. Please see further information on the attached document. The children have been telling us how much they enjoy Little Flyers and would recommend it to others!



Stockport County Community Trust are offering FREE football sessions in local parks, every day next week. These sessions last an hour in each location and are open for girls and boys, aged 5 - 17. See flyer attached for dates, times and venues.





Reminders.....

- ✿ Book your Parents' Evening appointment by logging onto the 'Parent Area' of the school website. If you have recently had a SEND meeting with the class teacher and Mrs Kind, you do not need to make another appointment
- ✿ Year 6 parents - please ensure you have applied for your child's Secondary School place by 31st October. Make sure you give all three preferences; if you don't, you may be at risk of being placed across Stockport or in a Manchester school
- ✿ Wednesday 3rd November is **individual school photo day**. Please ensure your child is in school with their blue sweatshirt or cardigan. Siblings will be photographed together - if you would prefer individual photos, please let the school office know by Tuesday 2nd November.

COVID-19 Update

I have emailed today a joint letter from myself and Tim Bowman, Director of Education. Cases continue to be very high in secondary schools and are rising in the primary age group too. The letter details new guidance regarding [face coverings](#) and [lateral flow tests](#). Please read the information carefully.

Have a lovely half term holiday. We'll see everyone back in school on Monday 1st November - don't forget to put your clocks back on the 30th October!!

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

Well Done Athletics Team!



Our Y5/6 athletics team performed brilliantly at a local competition this week, finishing in second place. Excellent behaviour and attitudes were reported all round.

Two of our athletes, Lilly and Felix, won special awards for teamwork and passion, making us very proud - well done! Thank you to Mrs Macfarlane for coaching the athletics team and entering them into the competition.

Curriculum News

Our Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed an amazing talk by Mrs French this week on her native country of Colombia as part of their South America work. They learnt all about the different regions that Colombia has and their differences in biodiversity and culture. Thank you Mrs French for really bringing our Geography alive.



Meanwhile, our Nursery children have been celebrating Black History Month, thinking about Nelson Mandela and Africa. They have looked at lots of African artefacts, found out who Nelson Mandela was and had lots of

chats about how we are similar and different. Thank you to one little boy who brought in clothing and money from Ghana and a little treat for the class.

