

SCHOOL NEWS

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Travel Survey Response

We had over 150 responses to the travel survey that was sent home before the half term holiday. This has really helped us develop an up to date picture of how our families travel to school and provided suggestions for improvements. Mrs Mallinson has collated all the responses and we were not surprised to find that a similar percentage of children walk to school (45%) as come in the car (42%). 28% of parents said they would consider an alternative method of travel to school which is great.

Going forward, we are working closely with the Local Authority and Stockport Council to make improvements to the local area. We have proposed a crossing island across Finney Lane, bollards on the pavement outside school and safety rails opposite the entrances into school. We now have to write a report putting forward our case for these measures to be put in place. Decisions are of course driven by budgets but we do know we are high up the priority list of schools in Stockport.

The yellow zig zag lines and double yellow lines have recently been re-evaluated and now fully conform with highway regulations.



We did put out the suggestion of a walking bus which would enable parents to park away from school and drop children with volunteers who would walk the pupils to school. There was a lot of interest in this scheme and a good

number of parents are willing to volunteer to help. This would entail dedicating one morning a week or more, to walk from an agreed starting point, such as The Griffin, to school. If you would be interested in joining a working party to help get this scheme off the ground, please email me directly at headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk or leave your name and contact details with the school office. Thank you in advance.

Thank You from the Trinity Church Cheadle



We received a lovely letter from the church this week:

“I am writing to thank you very much indeed for the large donation of food which you generously collected for our Foodbank. You did an amazing job to collect so much and it will all be put to very good use.”

Thanks to all our Etchells families for such a great effort.

Sleep Issues?



Do you have difficulties with your child's sleeping? If so, you may be interested in a free workshop taking place at 10am on Tuesday 25th June at the Alma Lodge Hotel. The session explores reasons why children may experience sleep issues and provides strategies through a behavioural approach to overcome this. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.

PTA Summer Fair

Friday 5th July 5-7pm



This year the PTA will be holding a Bake Off competition at the Summer Fair. We are giving lots of advance notice in case you want to get practising!! We are asking for homemade bakes, which could include cakes, traybakes, tarts, biscuits. These should be brought to the Fair on the day - more details will follow. The bakes will be judged at 5.30pm and then they will go on sale. There will be a prize for the winning bake.



Kidzone Vacancy



Kidzone@Etchells Before and After School Club currently have vacancies for play workers in both the morning and evening sessions. If you are interested, please contact the main office on 0161 427 4730 or

the Kidzone Club on 07468 565592 for hours, terms and conditions and any further information.

Kingsway Power Netball Club



A new netball club for the Cheadle Hulme and Alderley Edge area is being set up and they are recruiting new players. If you are interested, trials are being held on Thursday 4th July for

age groups ranging from Under 14 to Under 9. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Homework

The last homework sheets for this year were sent home yesterday. Thank you for your continued support with our homework programme. Please remember that USB sticks are no longer allowed in school and tasks can be uploaded by your child to the homework section of the pupil area. This way they can be safely accessed and viewed in class. Instructions can be acquired through the class teacher - please do not send to the school office.

Visit from the Airport

On Monday our Year 2 children had a visit from Jo from Manchester Airport. She delivered a workshop which involved the children being allocated a sum of money with which they had to plan a trip. They had to choose a destination, find flight costs and durations, the cost of hotel rooms and the prices for local visits and activities. They had a great time engaging with this task and were very surprised at how much holidays actually cost!! This was a fabulous workshop which gave the children a practical, real life purpose for using money. Many thanks once again to Manchester Airport for their continued engagement with our school.



Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

