

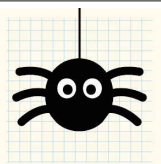
# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Nursery and Reception

Our new Nursery and Reception children have made a fabulous start to the term. The Reception pupils have soon found their feet and are now in full time with the rest of the school.

The Nursery staff have completed all the home visits and would like to extend their thanks to all the parents for being so welcoming. Visiting the home setting has now become an invaluable part of the Nursery induction and is a great way for staff to get to know the families and build relationships.



### Etchells Website App

Did you know our website has an associated App? All the key information such as the latest newsletters, diary dates and recent photos can be found on the App. If you have previously downloaded you may need to log-in again. Our website host is School Spider (hence the icon for the App!) - you need to search for School Spider and then select Etchells.

## PTA

It is the time of year when the PTA reflect on what has been achieved and start thinking about projects and events for the future. It is also the time when committee members stand down and give others the opportunity to take on a role. We will be holding the AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Thursday 26th September at 7pm, here at school. You don't need to be a member of the PTA to attend, you just need to have an interest in supporting the school in whatever little way you can.

At the meeting, we will look at the year's accounts as well as decide on what we can raise money for next. If you would like to be a part of that come along - you don't need to sign up to the committee! We will be sending out nomination forms and information about the committee roles soon, so if you think you can do this - even for just a year - please think about putting yourself forward. We had a very small committee last year which makes it a lot of work for very few people. It would be great if we could share it out a little more. New

parents are more than welcome - in fact, the last two Chairs of the PTA have been new Reception parents.



## Y3 - 6 Netball Club

Our Netball Club, run by Mrs Roberts, has previously been very popular. Unfortunately, there was very low take up for this term and it is currently unable to run. We are providing an additional opportunity to book on during next week and have changed the date and time in case this is more convenient. The club is open for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, and will take place on Wednesdays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. We have lots of new equipment, including netball posts, which we're really looking forward to using. The club also leads to opportunities to represent Etchells in the school netball team and play in Stockport tournaments and matches with local schools. Please sign up at: <https://eduspot.co.uk/> if you would like to join this term.

## New Format Parents' Evening

After discussion with the Senior Leadership Team, we have decided to change the format of the Autumn Term Parents' Evening. We found that by holding the consultations early in the term there was a lot of repetition from teachers who wanted to get the same messages across to parents. Therefore, each year group will give a presentation of important things to know for the classes. The sessions will run for around 20 minutes and the teacher will be available to speak to for 40 minutes afterwards. We will repeat this again in the same evening to allow parents to visit 2 different year groups.

The Parents Evening is being held on Thursday 26th September, the first presentation at 5pm and the second at 6pm. Due to limited space, children are not able to attend the session and will not be allowed to be left in corridors as there will be no supervision. Parents arriving with children, will unfortunately have to be turned away.

You will not need to book the sessions - just turn up! Should you require a confidential meeting with the teacher, please ask for an individual appointment.

## Harvest Celebrations

On Wednesday 9th October, we will be marking the Harvest Festival by considering those around us who have very little food. We encourage the children to give thanks for everything they receive and to take time to think of those who have much less. We also ask them to take action and consider bringing in a food donation for The Wellspring in Stockport. This project not only provides food and essential items for homeless people, it also provides advice, assists with finding housing and enabling homeless people to set short and long term targets. We are asking for donations of non-perishable foods to be brought to school on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October. We will send out a reminder and further details nearer the time. Thanks in advance for your support.



### Attachments to this Newsletter

- The Etchells Respect Charter for parents produced in association with the Local Authority. Unfortunately we have had a few examples of unacceptable conduct from parents on the playground recently and I would like to draw everybody's attention to this document.
- The holiday dates for the academic year which include the INSET days and the changed Spring Bank Holiday. The dates for 2020-21 are also included but please note, 5 INSET days are yet to be added.

Kind regards,  
Cathy Beddows  
and the Etchells staff

