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200th Edition!

Welcome to the 200th edition of School News. I hope you continue to find it a useful form of communication between home and school and that it keeps you up to date with news, events and celebrations. Any feedback regarding the newsletter is always welcome.

Please remember that if you lose track of your weekly School News email, it can be found in the bottom left hand corner of the school website home page. If you have the School Spider App, there is a quick link to the latest newsletter here too. If you know of a parent who doesn't receive the School News, please ask them to phone the office with their updated email address. It is important that you always keep school informed when your contact details change.

Book Fair



A reminder that the Book Fair will be in school until Tuesday 1st October. Books will be on sale in the library area from 3.30pm to 4pm. We work hard at Etchells to instil a love of reading for the children, and treating them to a new book is a great way to support this. We held a competition to win vouchers for the Book Fair and I am pleased to announce that the overall winner of a £25 voucher was Lilly in Y5, with runner up prizes of £5 vouchers being awarded to Harry in 2C, Isabelle in 3TL and Alfie in 5Ro. Thanks to everyone for entering and we hope to get some of the entries on the walls around school.

PTA Update

Yesterday evening we held the Annual General Meeting for the PTA. I would like to reiterate my thanks to the outgoing committee, Faz Sidatt, Andrea Pollitt, Denise Maskew and Jackie Clays. They have done a tremendous job and over the year raised a grand total of £8772. This has been used to contribute funds to the trim trail, the new library and the Year 6 leavers video. Thank you also to all the parents who have supported us by coming to the events and helping us raise this fantastic sum of money.

I am delighted that the PTA will be going forward with a newly formed committee. The new committee positions are as follows:

Chair: Jayne Berry

Vice-chair: Andrea Pollitt

Secretary: Michelle Sanderson

Treasurer: Denise Maskew

It was lovely to have some parents attend the meeting who are interested in helping out rather than taking on one of the main roles. The more parents who are able to do this, the easier the workload becomes for everyone.

We discussed events for the coming year - please put these upcoming dates in your diary: Spooky Disco - 17th October and Christmas Fair - Friday 29th November.

We also discussed some new events such as a film night and an Eid Celebration. If you could help us out with planning any of these events, especially the Eid celebration, please let the committee know. You can contact them via Facebook or email:

pta@etchells.stockport.sch.uk



Celebrating The Etchells Curriculum

Last week I was invited to talk to other Stockport Headteachers and leaders about the work that has taken place over the last year in developing our curriculum. We have really embedded our six Core Values and our curriculum philosophy of

Know~ Explore ~ Communicate.

Along with Mrs Roberts and Miss Williams, we shared our child-friendly approach to planning, our effectively simple assessment approach and the children's amazing workbooks. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and interest in the work we are doing and we came away with a good number of schools wanting to visit us and find out more.

OUR CURRICULUM



The Etchells Curriculum is underpinned by our Core Values.

In our curriculum we enjoy ourselves and get creative. We are resilient and independent with our learning. We embrace challenges which help us set our aspirations high.

Know Explore Communicate

Parents' Meetings

Many thanks to all the parents who came to the meetings last night. The feedback was extremely positive and so many of you said how valuable you found the information. Thanks also to the parents who stopped by to give me feedback and to thank the teachers for their time. As we have stated, should you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact the teacher directly for an individual appointment. We will be holding individual consultations in the first half of the Spring Term where you will be able to look at your child's work and speak to the teacher.

Parent Council

We only have 3 volunteers for the Parent Council so far. We need at least 6 parents to make it viable. This is a really effective way for us to consult with parents and also to receive your feedback. If you would like to join us or find out more, please email me directly.

Internet Safety

internet matters.org

Please click the link below or see the document attached for a newly published guide to supporting primary aged pupils with safe use of the internet. It covers areas which include: what are kids doing?; what risks do they face?; seeing inappropriate content; sharing too much information; screen time and cyberbullying.

<https://pwxp5srs168nsac2n3fnjyaa-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Internet-Matters-Booklet-Discovery-Digital-at-Primary-School.pdf>

Just to let you know that I will be away from school for the next two weeks or so for medical reasons. Mrs Mallinson will be on hand during this time and will be able to respond to any communications and queries. A separate letter has been sent to 4MM with further information regarding this.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

