

SCHOOL NEWS

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We are looking forward to our Parent Consultations next week. You should by now have

booked your appointment via the Parent Area of the school website. All appointments will last for ten minutes; please be respectful of the appointment time to allow teachers to be prompt and remain on time throughout the evening. Parents' Evening is one of the key opportunities for you to discuss the progress your child is making. Teachers will talk about how they are achieving and progressing in relation to the Age Related Expectations for the end of the year. (AREs). You will find a copy of these in the front of your child's English and Maths book. Over the next few days, teachers will be sending your child's English, Maths and Foundation books home and in Early Years, the 'Busy Book'. Please take the opportunity to look through these with your child before attending Parents' Evening. The books **must** be returned to school the following day; if they are left at home it will not be possible for classwork to be completed as normal. This is something we are trialling for the future and if books are not returned promptly, we will not send them home again. We hope you will enjoy looking through the work together.

School Photographs

Our apologies for the mix up in communications regarding the school photographs this week. To rectify the situation, the photographer will be returning to school on Thursday 2nd December to take any group sibling shots that were missed. If your child was absent for the photographs on Wednesday, they will also be able to have their picture taken on this day.

If you would like to take this opportunity please email admin@etchells stating the names of your children and their classes.

Christmas Cards



Many thanks to everyone who has purchased Christmas cards and other merchandise with the children's designs. You should receive your order today. We earn commission on the orders and I'm pleased to say that this year, £228 was raised. We will use this to provide an additional extra for the children - yet to be decided.

Girls' Football at Manchester City

'City in the Community' are holding free football sessions for girls on Mondays and Fridays, 5pm to 6pm, at the City Football Academy. The sessions cater for all skill levels and abilities and are designed to build confidence, create new friendships and to have fun. See attached flyer for more information.



Bonfire Night

If you are attending a Bonfire Night event this weekend, please talk through the safety rules with your child. Sadly, hundreds of children are injured through bonfires, sparklers and fireworks every year and these simple rules can help avoid this. Have a fun evening if you are out and about.



Starting School or Nursery in September 2022?

Do you know any families who have children starting Reception or Nursery next September? If they are new to Etchells then they may be interested in our Open Mornings, giving them the opportunity to visit school and briefly meet the staff. Numbers are restricted for the visits and face coverings must be worn. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to give the school office a call and book a place on one of the Open Mornings.

School-led tutoring

National Tutoring Programme

Last year, the Government rolled out a National Tutoring Programme (NTP) to enable children to catch up with missed learning

due to Covid-19. However, tutors had to come from external agencies and therefore, many schools, including Etchells, did not take part in the scheme. In recognition of this, 'Part 3' of the NTP has been introduced this term. Funding is being provided to cover 75% of costs for 'School-led Tutoring'. We are much more in favour of this approach as the tutoring will be carried out by staff the children know in school. We can tailor the tutoring sessions exactly to the needs of the children and with close liaison with the class teacher. School will be making a 25% contribution to the cost of the 15 week scheme which we consider to be a very worthwhile investment.

Teachers are in the process of identifying which children will benefit the most. We will be selecting those who are not quite on track to meet their Aged Related Expectations and who we think would benefit the most from a 15 week intervention. Some sessions will be held before and after school and others during the school day. We hope to impact as little as possible on the teaching and learning already taking place during the school day. Teachers will contact you directly if your child is involved; parents are unable to request the tutoring for their child.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

