

SCHOOL NEWS

RSPB | Safer Internet Day | Welcome Back!

Coming up....

Next Tuesday marks Safer Internet Day. This event is celebrated globally on the 10th February with the slogan **'Let's create a better internet together'**

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees hundreds of organisations involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

e-safety is an important part of our computing curriculum as well as a significant aspect of our safeguarding responsibilities. We teach the children how to be safe on the internet regularly, but the day helps to raise awareness with everyone.

Check out the website for excellent information for parents

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2015>

Staffing

Next week we welcome back Mrs Hughes who has been on maternity leave since the summer. She will be teaching in Y1 with Mrs Cleary in 1CA on Thursdays and Fridays, and in 4M for the majority of every Wednesday. We are really looking forward to having her back on the staff team.

Mrs Tucker (4FT) has decided to take early retirement from teaching from half term. She will be greatly missed at Etchells but we wish her well for the future.

Mrs Aldred, who has been covering Mrs Hughes' maternity leave, will teach in 4FT alongside Mrs Fox until July 2015. Mrs Aldred has been with us since September and so we are lucky to have someone who has been part of our improvement journey and has been involved with the staff development programme. We hope this arrangement will provide excellent continuity for the children in this class.

Parent Council

The minutes from the Parent Council meeting can now be read on the school website under the 'parents' section.



EYFS Teddy Bears' Picnic!!

As you are aware, the children have a big say in what they would like to learn and we work hard to match the New National Curriculum to their ideas.

The children in the Early Years, inspired by their topic, have requested a picnic in the forest! This will take the form of a teddy bears' picnic in our school grounds and will take place on Thursday 12th February. Please can the children bring a teddy bear or a soft toy along with a small snack to eat on the picnic.

Many thanks for your support with this. Check out Twitter and the newsletter next week for photos!

World Book Day

World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 5th March. We like to mark the day with dressing up and last year we did this by focussing on a theme in each year group which linked to activities for the day. We will take the same approach this year and will let you know the themes this time next week.

RSPB Big School's Bird Watch

Our Eco Team have been busy again! Harry in 5L has written the following: *On Tuesday 2nd February, the Eco team went on a birdwatch. We went through different parts of school and sighted lots of different birds including house sparrows and black headed gulls.*

Crows were also popular, but a wren and robin were spotted too. The results have been submitted to the RSPB and will help build a picture of bird life in Britain at this current time. Well done for doing your bit Eco Team!!



Don't forget, you can keep up to date with school news through our Twitter feed. Follow us @EtchellsPS

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

