

SCHOOL NEWS

Final Week Arrangements | Panto | Nativity Performances

Well Done!!

I would like to say a very proud “well done” to all our children who have performed in Nativity productions and the staff who have worked so hard to organise and produce them. Early Years started the ball rolling with their performance of Miracle in Town; followed by KS1 with their toe tapping performance of Hosanna Rock. On Wednesday Year 5 retold the story of “The Very First Christmas” at the United Reformed Church. Year 6 have visited the Village Hall to sing carols and share a Christmas card with local residents. It is a lot of hard work to learn lines, songs, actions and dances and a lot of courage to stand up and perform them in front of large audiences.

THANK YOU to everyone involved, including the PTA who have served drinks and mince pies and organised yet another raffle. The winning ticket has been drawn. It’s a blue ticket number **320**. If you have the winning ticket, please bring it to the Office to collect your prize

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday is our traditional Christmas Dinner Day! To add to the fun children may come to school in a Christmas jumper or headwear.

Party Day

Thursday is class party day and so the children can come to school in their party clothes. We will be playing party games.

Friday we will be having our fun Christmas sing-a-long and then head back to the classrooms to collect all our things before the day ends at **3.15pm**. PE kits will be sent home for washing over the holidays



Freddie Fit

Next week on **Monday** and **Tuesday** Freddie Fit will be here, for non-stop energetic work-out sessions. His energy is infective and it’s wonderful to watch the children performing synchronised aerobics to Christmas hits. When it’s their day can the children come to school dressed in their sports gear and trainers. Please check below to see when your child will be taking part.

Monday: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday: Reception, Years 1 & 2



A Pan-tastic Time had by all!



On Tuesday all of KS2 went to Wythenshawe Forum to watch a panto. There was a lot of audience participation!



Mrs Townend, Mrs Bray and Mr Cope **loved** being invited onto the stage, with 240 Etchells children cheering them on, they really didn't have an option to say no!

Thank you to all the adults who helped us safely transport everybody on and off the coaches. Thank you to Manchester Airport for making this event possible.

Attendance

Well done to 2W for an amazing 97.3% attendance this term.

It is also really pleasing to see that 6W also achieved above the national average of 96%. Unfortunately to date the whole school attendance is **94.5%**.

We have a worrying number of "persistent Absentees" who have attendance of less than 90%. The Local Authority are now issuing a record number of fines and are following up in court those who don't pay.

There is a direct correlation between attendance and success at school.

Please do not book family holidays in term time.

Class	% Attend
2W	97.3
6W	96.2
5R	95.6
1P	95.3
2C	95
6C	95
3V	94.9
5RO	94.7
3TL	94.5
4L	94.1
1H	93.7
4MM	91.8

Welcome Back!

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Beedows will be back next week.

I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her return to school.



Reminder

We have an INSET day on Monday 6th January so the children will not return to school until Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Have a lovely, family time over the holiday and I look forward to seeing you on the playground on the Tuesday morning.

Kind regards,

Jo Mallinson

and the Etchells staff

