

SCHOOL NEWS

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Christmas Arrangements

Here is an outline of what is happening between now and the end of term:

Monday 13th

Freddy Fit

For those of you new to us, Freddy Fit is an annual Christmas tradition at Etchells.

Freddy Fit joins us over 2 days for seasonal aerobic activity in the hall. The children (and staff!) love it! We are taking extra precautions this year, by limiting numbers, Freddy keeping to his own marked off area and keeping the hall as ventilated as possible. On your child's day, they should come to school dressed in their PE kit. (and maybe a Santa hat to add some festive spirit!)

Monday will be the turn of:

Reception, Year 1, 3 and 6

Tuesday 14th

Freddy Fit

Nursery, Year 2, 4 and 5

Wednesday 15th

Year 2 nativity: only those with a ticket should attend. We are asking for lateral flow tests to be carried out before hand, face coverings to be worn throughout the performance and for parents to stay in their chairs and respect social distancing.

Thursday 16th

Christmas Dinner day: we had to make the decision a number of weeks ago to limit Christmas Dinner to those who already take a school dinner. As part of our Risk Assessment plans, some of the children having sandwiches have been eating in classrooms in order to keep numbers in the hall to a minimum. We are still limiting numbers in assemblies and other hall activities too. We would of course have liked to offer Christmas dinner to everyone, but we need to continue to be extremely mindful of health and safety and mitigate the risks of COVID spreading amongst our pupils and staff, especially just before Christmas. Everyone can wear their Christmas jumper or an own choice alternative on this day.

Tuesday 21st

This will be our last day at school as we will be enjoying the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday on the 22nd! We will end the term with our traditional Christmas sing-a-long in the afternoon, connecting the classes via Google Meet. The day will finish at the normal time of 3.05 for EYFS and KS1 and 3.15pm for KS2.

Parties

Please keep an eye on ClassDojo for dates and details for the Christmas party for your child's class.





Last week, I put out a last minute request for selection boxes to support the ‘This City Loves Christmas’ appeal. They were thrilled to collect around sixty selection boxes on Tuesday - we were so delighted with the response. Thank you to our Etchells families for rallying round to provide this. As a special thank you, we will be taking part in a Q & A session with one of Manchester City’s first team players via zoom, next week.



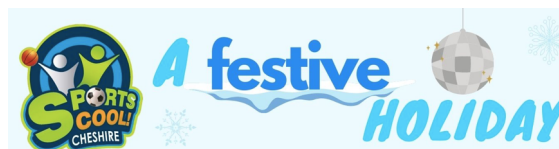
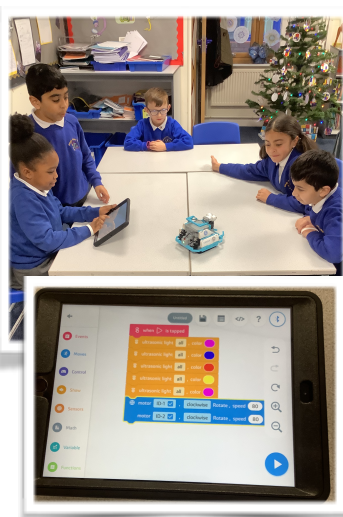
Last call for Mission Christmas!!

We have filled one box with unwrapped Christmas presents which will be distributed amongst disadvantaged children in Greater Manchester. Thank you so much if you have contributed already. The boxes will be collected in a few days, so if this is on your to-do list, please bring in your gift early next week. It is always a pleasure to support this fantastic project.



CITY IN THE COMMUNITY

We continue to maintain excellent links with City in the Community and they provide us with high quality teacher development training in PE which we use part of our Sports Premium Grant for. With our package, we are able to benefit from other curriculum inputs too. This week our Y3 and Y5 pupils have engaged in robot programming using iPads as part of the Computing curriculum. You can see how much they enjoyed it....



The Holiday Club which is held at Outwood Primary School will be opening its doors on the 23rd and 24th December and the 4th and 5th January. Please see the attached flyer for further details. The provision has government funding to provide free places and a lunch for children who are in receipt of Free School meals. The club provides indoor and outdoor activities for children in Reception up to Year 6.



A reminder that our tennis coach will be holding a tennis holiday camp at Poynton Sports Club on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd

December. Children can be dropped from 8.30am and picked up by 4pm. For further information, click [here](#).

Kind regards,
Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

