

SCHOOL NEWS

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Goodbyes

The end of a term sadly often brings some goodbyes. Today we say goodbye to Mrs Cable who has worked in the school office for six years. She has carried out a variety of roles including the huge job of managing the dinner monies and orders, attending to visitors and parents at the reception window, regular jobs such as organising all the homework sheets and class newsletters, Christmas card orders, school uniform, first aiding - just to name a few! We will really miss her in the office and around school and wish her every success in her new position which she takes up in January. Thank you for all your hard work Mrs Cable!

We also say goodbye to Mrs Unwin, our school cook, and Mrs Adshead, who also works in the kitchen. They have worked tirelessly to provide school dinners for our pupils and have been so adaptable responding to the challenges of the last two years. Of course the Christmas dinners will not be forgotten either! Many thanks to both of you for your commitment to Etchells.

INSET Reminder

We will be holding staff training on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th January, 2022. Therefore, the children will return to school on Monday 10th January. Should anything change in terms of Covid restrictions, we will contact you by email at the earliest opportunity. Fingers crossed we can have a normal start to term. 🙌

Attendance Award



The class with the most children achieving 98% attendance and above was 4L. All these children achieved outstanding attendance this term: Thea, Mila, Himaru, Arhaan, I Noi, Jessie, Alisha,

Huzaifa, Zachary, Abigail, Arfa, Harry, Ismaeel, Heather, Tilly, Finley, Rosie, Hadlee and Billy. All the names were put in a hat and the winner of TreeTop Trek voucher is.....Arfa!

Congratulations and enjoy your day out! I'm sure Miss le Couteur can organise some extra playtime as treat for all the class too!

We will start afresh in January and see which class can achieve the award for the Spring Term 2022.



Progress Meetings

Over the past week we have been able to get our termly Progress Meetings back on track. The class teachers met with their Phase Leader, Mrs Kind and myself to discuss the progress of all the children and whether we think they're on track to meet their AREs (Aged Related Expectations) by the end of the year. We discussed the school-led tutoring as well as the other support groups we have in place. These groups can also be put in place for those who we think could exceed their AREs too. It has been great to see just how well the children have done after such a busy term.

Spring Term Clubs

I am really pleased to be able to offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs for the children next term. These range from sporting clubs such as tennis, netball, gymnastics, football (girls and boys) as well as French, computing, reading, well-being and mindfulness. There is a letter with further information attached with this Newsletter - please note, this is the same one circulated last week. Please read the letter carefully to see which year group the clubs are for and whether a charge applies. We monitor carefully who attends the clubs and really hope as many of our pupils can access some kind of extra-curricular activity.



CITY IN THE COMMUNITY

As a result of the fantastic response in providing selection boxes for the 'This City Loves Christmas' charity appeal, we were rewarded with a Q & A session with first team player, Nathan Ake. He joined us via Zoom and some of the children prepared some excellent questions for him:

- * How does it feel when you score a goal and everyone is cheering your name?
- * How did you first become interested in football?
- * How did you feel signing for City?

The session was enjoyed by all involved - many thanks to CITC.



I'm really pleased we were able to work with Freddy Fit to put in safety precautions to enable us to have our annual dose of Christmas aerobic exercise. The sessions are enjoyed by all our pupils from Nursery right through to Year 6. Here are the Year Sixes in action....!



I would like to finish this final newsletter of the year by saying a huge thank you to the Etchells Team. We have many things to be proud of: maintaining our 'Good with Outstanding Early Years and Leadership & Management' Ofsted judgement; a very successful full financial audit; a full term of exciting curriculum opportunities as well as a raft of catch up groups to support the children with any gaps in learning created through the lockdowns. My thanks to all for their tireless enthusiasm and dedication to the children of Etchells. I would also like to thank all our families for your support throughout this term.

Wishing all our community an enjoyable, safe and healthy Christmas holiday.

Kind regards,
Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

