

# SCHOOL NEWS

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Some year groups have been busy this week taking part in road safety workshops.

Year 2 learnt how to cross the road independently, using the four important words: stop, look, listen and think!



Year 4 considered the importance of wearing a helmet when cycling, using eggs! Of course the cycle helmet material protected the egg most effectively and it didn't smash - and no, it wasn't hard boiled!

This morning it was the Year Sixes turn.

## Book Your Parents' Evening

Booking for our Parents' Evening week, taking place week commencing 28th February, will open on Monday morning, 9am, next week. Please go to the parent area of the [school website](#) to book your appointment. A Zoom link will be sent to you nearer the time. If you are having a SEND meeting with the class teacher and Mrs Kind in the coming weeks, please do not book an additional parents' evening appointment.

## Covid Numbers in School

Unfortunately, we are still seeing a considerable number of Covid cases throughout school. We cannot stress enough the importance of testing your child if they are unwell. We are seeing such a variety of symptoms, currently ranging from headaches, vomiting and tummy upset. Children are

being sent into school when they are not well, only to be sent home and testing positive. If your child seems a little unwell but fit enough to come into school, please test them before sending them in. With half term around the corner, we want to try to reduce the spread of the virus in classrooms as much as possible. Remember that Lateral Flow Tests can easily be ordered online, and they get delivered to your house the following day.

### Positive Covid Cases

Nursery	1
Reception	5
Y1	1
Y2	5
Y3	2
Y4	2
Y5	5
Y6	4

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>



## INSET Days

We have just published our INSET days for 2022-23 on the school website. For your quick reference, the days will be held on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022, Friday 23rd December 2022 and Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th July 2023. The children will not attend school on these days.

The last day of this half term is next Friday - just a reminder as this is different from some neighbouring Local Authorities.



## Half Term Holiday Club

Once again, a half term holiday club is being held at Outwood Primary School.

See below for the range of activities on offer.

**FUN ACTIVITIES**

Archery	Floor is Lava	Netball
Basketball	Football	Rounders
Boules	Giant Jenga	Rugby
Crazy golf	Glow D-ball	Table Tennis
Cheerleading	Handball	Tennis
Cricket	Hockey	Tri Golf
Dance	Kurling	Ultimate Frisbee
Dodgeball	Lacrosse	Volleyball (indoor)
Fencing	Multisports (mini olympics)	Yoga & Mindfulness

**WARM INDOOR ACTIVITIES INCLUDED**

The flyer is attached with further information. It is worth noting that all the holiday clubs being held during 2022 can now be booked - find details on their website. This time the club is not being subsidised by the Local Authority, but Stephen is offering 5 full day places (1 per child) for Etchells' pupils. I will allocate these on a first come first served basis; please email me directly if you are interested.

## School Dinners Update

As I indicated last week, we have had a bumpy start to the year with our school dinner provision. Thanks to the parents who have been in touch and for your understanding. I am pleased to say that we have been told a permanent cook and general assistant have been appointed and are due to start on Monday. We are really hoping that the provision will soon be as efficient as it was before.

## Important Reminders



The one way system for dropping off and picking up still remains in place.

Please enter the school via the park side path and leave through the car park.

After picking up, please exit at the Nursery end of school. Please do not use the path directly in front of school or let your children play in this area - it is getting very muddy here and isn't a designated place for play. Please leave the premises immediately after school. As you can see from our rising cases, it is important that we keep our safety arrangements in place for the time being.

## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is National Children's Mental Health week. As you know, Mrs Vedvik is our Well-Being lead in school and carries out work supporting groups and individuals on a weekly basis. I have attached a pack of information from the Local Authority which includes details of webinars for parents such as 'Using Emotion Coaching to Support Anxious Children', as well as links to lots of useful resources.



## And finally.....

....it's a Happy Lunar New Year from Nursery, who accompanied their dragon to lunch with musical instruments. Never a dull moment in Nursery!!

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

