

# SCHOOL NEWS

Help Needed!! | Curriculum Planning | Earrings

## Well done Year 6

It has been an extremely demanding week for our Year 6 pupils. Four days of rigorous testing has been exhausting but we are extremely proud of their tremendous efforts and determination to do their best. Their hard work has been rewarded with a fun-filled day today!

## Limelight Drama Club

We look forward to the annual production of the Limelight Drama Club next week at the Heald Green Theatre. The performances are taking place on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, starting at 7.30pm. If your child is in the drama club and you have not yet requested your ticket, please send money and slip to Mrs Mallinson asap as demand is high. My thanks go to Mrs Mallinson and Mrs Fumagalli who give up their time every Monday after school to run the club and put in a tremendous amount of energy, enthusiasm and hours in the lead up to the performances.

## Help Needed!!

In the run up to our very popular community PTA events, we have to work hard to enlist help from parents and friends. Our Summer Family Evening on **Friday 12th June** is fast approaching and we have had very few offers for help. The event cannot go ahead without offers of help! Please log on to:

<https://etchells.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

and sign up for just half an hour. When you log in, you will see the 2 stalls which have been assigned to your child's year group, as well as more general stalls which can be chosen by anyone. Select whichever suits you best. Many thanks in advance for your time.

## Fundraising Greetings Cards

We are looking at introducing a new fund raising initiative in school and need a handful of parents to help take the lead. We would like the children to design their own Christmas card which can be bought by families and friends during the festive season. This has been requested by some parents and as long as enough time is allowed for the design, print and distribution, it is a lovely way to raise money for the PTA fund. We would also like to run a similar scheme for the celebration of Eid. I would need 2 parents to coordinate the Christmas card and 2 parents for Eid. Please contact me through the headteacher email or via the school office if you think you could help us - you do not need to be a current member of the PTA! Let's make this happen!



## Lunchtime Leaders

Our Year 5 children had a very energetic day on Tuesday with Freddy Fit! They spent the day learning how to lead new activities for the children to do at lunchtimes. The enthusiasm of the Y5 children was amazing and we have a huge team of budding leaders ready to get going! I am always very proud of our Etchells children when their behaviour is spoken so highly of. Freddy Fit was bowled over with the mature attitude, respect and courtesy of the Y5's. Well done!

## Earrings in School

Simple stud earrings are allowed in school, however, in accordance with the Stockport Local Authority guidance, they are NOT to be worn for any aspect of P.E. This includes, swimming, games, dance, gym and outdoor activities. This rule is purely for safety reasons. We are requesting that earrings are not worn on P.E. days. If they are, teachers will ask for them to be removed. If your child's ears have been recently pierced, please inform the teacher by letter.

## Wacky Woods!

Our Reception children had a fantastic time in the woods in Adlington yesterday. Exploring, building, mud sliding, rope swinging, marshmallow toasting - what's not to like?!!



For more photos,  
follow us @EtchellsPS



## New Year Groups

We are approaching the end of this academic year at breakneck speed! Our minds turn to planning for September and the new classes for the children. A key job for the teachers is to begin to get the curriculum plans in place and ensure the New National Curriculum is being covered effectively. As you know, last year we introduced a child-initiated curriculum with topics chosen by the pupils. We have had some tremendous topics ranging from Disasters!, UFOs, Chocolate, Awesome Animals, Rollercoasters - to name just a few. Enabling the children to have a say in what they learn ensures we are teaching them things they want to know and motivates them as learners. The staff are very skilled at building in the requirements of the National Curriculum into these topics. There may be some weeks however, when a discrete focus may take place in order for us to fulfil the compulsory aspects of the curriculum.

The children will be meeting with their new Year group teachers next Friday in order to start identifying topic areas for next year. Please note, classes have not yet been assigned individual teachers and you will be notified about this in July.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

