

# SCHOOL NEWS

Sports Day | Mrs Etchells | Year 6

## Ramadan

We would like to request that the parents of any children who will be participating in Ramadan let us know. It is important that we make appropriate arrangements at lunchtimes - either for the children to stay in school or go home for the lunch hour. Please contact us beforehand and keep us informed.

## Class photos

Just a reminder that class photos will be taken next Wednesday. As usual, we expect children in their full school uniform

## Thank You!

We would like to extend huge thanks to all parents who have sent in such kind and heartfelt messages of condolence regarding the passing of Mrs Etchells. Some of you have come personally to the office, others have spoken to me in the playground and we have also had telephone calls and emails. All your messages have been passed onto the family and they were very touched. Thank you for your understanding regarding the partial closure of school on Wednesday morning and for sending your children to school for their lessons in the afternoon. We appreciate the disruption this can cause and thank you for your understanding and empathy.

Many of you have been asking about a collection for Mrs Etchells. At the family's request, all collections are being donated to St Ann's Hospice. We are making a collection from school and if anyone would like to make a contribution, please bring to the school office

## Street Dance

Next week Class 5LC will be trialling a street dance workshop. We are always looking to extend our PE provision as well as our range of after school clubs. If the session passes the quality control of our very astute Year 5s, we will consider running it as an after school club from September 2015.



## Y6 issues

The final order for the Y6 leavers hoodies has now been made. 34 have been ordered which is fantastic as this is the first year of this new initiative. We are expecting the hoodies to arrive in school on 26th June and these can then be worn instead of the Etchells uniform sweatshirt. I would like to remind Y6 that full uniform is required until the end of term. We will not be allowing any other alternative jumpers or trainers.

Y6 parents should have received a letter this week about the Leavers' Prom. We have had some very positive feedback about the changes and we're sure the event will be very special. We are now requesting that the children do not arrange limousines to arrive in as this can be extremely costly and divisive between groups of children. Many parents have been grateful for this change. We will be inviting parents to come to school and see the leavers walk down the red carpet in all their finery. More details about this will follow.

## Sports Day

Miss Pennill, our PE subject leader, recently spoke to a group of our pupils about PE and games provision in school. One of the issues raised was that they would like sports day to be more challenging. For this reason, we have made some changes for this year. The most significant change is that we will be holding EYFS/KS1 and KS2 sports days separately. They will both take place on the same day, Wednesday 24th June, but at different times. KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will start at 9.30am and Nursery, Reception and KS1 will start at 1.45pm. In the event of sunny weather (we can only hope!), children must come to school with a water bottle and suncream. Caps/sunhats may also be worn.

## Gulliver's World

Another successful trip went out yesterday to Gulliver's World. This was to enhance the Year 3 topic of 'Rollercoasters'. They had a fantastic time and the experience will certainly enhance their work back at school and stimulate ideas for writing. Look for photos on the website and on Twitter @EtchellsPS. Many thanks to Gulliver's World who kindly donated tickets for our raffle at tonight's PTA event.

Look forward to seeing many of you at our PTA Summer Family Evening tonight.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

