

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Class Photos

Today your child will be bringing home a proof envelope of their class photo. If you would like to purchase a photo please follow the directions on the envelope and return to school by Monday 6th July. The orders will be collected by 3.30pm. Any orders brought to the school office after this time will NOT be accepted. You will however be able to order yourselves online after this cut off date. This needs to be done by parents, not through school.

## Special Visitor

Next week we are really looking forward to 'Neil Armstrong' coming into school to visit our Y1 children. These visits really help bring the curriculum alive for our children and promote their sense of awe and wonder. We hope to share some photos soon.

## Sports Day Success!

Many thanks to all the parents who were able to attend and cheer on the children during their sports days. We have had some lovely feedback about the new format and how much easier it is to see the children now the Key Stages are split. Thanks to others for constructive comments which we will take into consideration for next year. The children really enjoyed the new lanes marked onto the field and the more challenging style races. A huge thank-you to Miss Pennill, our PE leader, for overall organisation of the day and to all the staff for their hard work in setting up and running of the day.



## Changes in Assessment

There are national changes in the way we assess children at the end of Key Stage 1 and 2 coming up next year. I will be providing parents with more detailed information regarding this with the end of year reports which will be issued to parents on Friday 10th July.





### Some reminders:

- ▶ Please ensure dinner money is paid on the Monday at the start of the week which the meals are being taken. There should be no arrears with dinner payments.
- ▶ Thank you to all dog owners who are not bringing their dogs onto the school premises. Could I make a courteous request that dog owners keep the entrances to school clear to allow parents and children to enter the gates with plenty of space?
- ▶ Y6 hoodies are due for delivery by Tuesday - due to a massive demand at this time of year, there has been a 2 day delay.

## New Starters

Our new starters for Reception have begun to make their visits into school to become familiar with who we are and where everything is. We welcome all new Nursery and Reception parents to a meeting next Wednesday evening. This gives you the opportunity to meet with myself, the EYFS staff, school nurse and Chair of Governors.

For children starting Nursery in September 2015, the meeting will be held at 6pm on the 1st July and for children starting Reception in September, the meeting will take place at 7pm.

Even if you have other children who currently attend Etchells, you are still welcome to come as many things have changed in Early Years this year.

## Wellies!



The children in our Early Years love going on their Wednesday welly walks as well as taking their learning outside - even in the rain! We would like to ask any

families who are clearing out any old wellies or waterproof coats/trousers to consider donating them to school. If you can, please bring to the office or give directly to Mrs Revill. Many thanks as ever.

Kind regards,

**Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff**

