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PTA

We have a new line up for the PTA this year; the new posts of office were elected at the recent AGM. I would like to thank Mrs Pilkington, Mrs Cotterill and Mrs Barry for their work leading the committee over the past year. We sincerely hope they will come back and help us out in the coming years!

Details of the new committee can be found on the PTA page under the School Partners menu of the website. This is also where you will find the new contact details for the committee which include a school based email address, Twitter and Facebook page.

If you are available to help the PTA and come to committee meetings or help at events please contact them via the email address.

Work is already underway planning for our Christmas Fair which is taking place on Friday 4th December, between 5pm and 7pm. This year we are introducing a 'Maker's Market' at the fair where we are inviting parents and local people to hold their own stall. A letter has been attached to this email and a paper copy sent home. Please fill the reply slip in and return to school by next Friday at the latest.

Places will be allocated to parents first and then offered to the local community.

New Building

I am delighted to inform you that our new building which accommodates 4 classrooms for years five and six, is to be signed over to us on Monday. You can see photos on our Twitter feed of the inside of 2 of the classrooms. The building has gone extremely smoothly and staff have been praised by the Local Authority for the excellent management of the children and classrooms during this interim period. Staff will be working late on Monday to set up the new classrooms, as well as re-instate the staffroom and ICT suite. We will also be setting up our new community room which will be used by the breakfast and after school club. (this is the classroom currently being used by Year 6 on the main corridor). The classes will move in on Tuesday and again staff will be staying behind after school to work together to get the classrooms set up and ship-shape.



Parents' Evening

Many thanks to all those who attended Parents' Evening and for the positive feedback you have given. A number of issues have also been raised which we will look into and discuss further with the Parent Council and the Senior Leadership Team.

Kingsway Open Evening

The Kingsway School are holding their open evening on Wednesday 21st October (next week) between 5 and 7.30pm. I appreciate that many of the Year 6 children are away at Robinwood, but it is an open invitation to attend and some Year 5 parents may want to have a look around in readiness for your high school application this time next year (!). There will be an opportunity to look around, meet the staff and to take part in a range of activities such as science experiments, cupcake decorating, logo design and trampolining! You can also try out the school meals and enjoy displays put on by current students of sporting and artistic activities.

Christmas Cards!

The children have been busy designing their own Christmas cards. These have now been sent off for proofs to be made. You will receive a copy of your proof after half term and will have the choice to order packs of cards, wrapping paper and tags. There is absolutely no obligation to buy, but all purchases will raise money for the school.

Robinwood Trip

Our Year 6 venture out on their three day residential trip next week. We will keep parents informed of arrival etc through text messages. I will post photos of the children in action on Twitter so please make sure you are following us @EtchellsPS to see them.



Book Fair

Our book fair has been a great success so far with a good range of quality texts to choose from. Many thanks to all those who have made purchases. We receive commission from the monies taken which we use to buy reading books for the children. The book fair will be open tonight (Friday) after school until 3.45pm and then on Monday 3.15pm - 3.45pm for the final time.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the
Etchells staff

