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Happy Retirements and Farewells

It's that time of year when some staff move on and we welcome new colleagues to the team. After an incredible 32 years of service, Mrs Mallinson has decided to retire. Starting out as a Newly Qualified Teacher and now as Deputy Headteacher, with some periods as Acting Headteacher, Mrs Mallinson has Etchells running through her veins! I can't even begin to say how much she will be missed! We will also be wishing a happy retirement to Mrs Kemp who has also given our school 25 years service working with children in our Resource Base. We will miss her expertise and experience enormously.

Mrs Abushal, who has been our Nursery Teaching Assistant for 22 years is moving to a new position and a new challenge. We wish her every success and thank her for her incredible contribution to EYFS.

Finally, we also say goodbye to Mrs Newport in the office, and Mrs Bray and Miss Gaffey from our Resource Base. I thank them all for their hard work, commitment and dedication to Etchells.

We are still in the process of recruiting new staff to the team, but I am delighted to inform you that after a very rigorous recruitment process involving myself, governors and the Local Authority, Mr Cope has been appointed into the position of Deputy Headteacher from September. Huge congratulations to him - we know he will be brilliant in the role.

I would also like to welcome Miss Claire Wilson to Etchells. She will be taking up the Assistant Headship, Mr Cope's current role. She will be leading Upper Key Stage 2 and joining Mr Crompton in Year 6.

Transition to September 2022

Next week we will be having the first of our transition mornings which involves all the children visiting their new teacher and classroom. We coincide this with visits from our new starters in Reception so it is a very exciting day. For your information, the dates of the visits are as follows:

Thursday 23rd June
 Monday 27th June
 Thursday 7th July

And now for the much awaited information....

Current Class	Will be moving to.....	
RR	1H	Miss Hobson
RGM	1P	Miss Pennill
1H	2CM	Mr Cope Mrs Macfarlane
1P	2W	Mrs Wilson
2C	3TL	Mrs Townend Mrs Lambert
2W	3VC	Mrs Vedvik Mrs Chappell
3TL	4C	Mrs Collins
3VC	4L	Miss le Couteur
4MM	5RW	Mrs Roberts Miss Williams
4L	5R	Mr Redmond
5R	6C	Mr Crompton
5RW	6W	Miss Wilson





Updates

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Jayne Berry and Andrea Pollitt for the massive contribution they both made to the PTA before the Covid disruption. They held key roles in the PTA for a number of years and were pivotal in helping raise the funding for our library, hall sound system, playground markings and trim trail - quite a legacy, which is very much appreciated.

I'm delighted that Denise Maskew and Michelle Sanderson are continuing to support the PTA and we are delighted to welcome our new Chair, Sadia Rulal and Vice-Chair, Amanda Astbury. We are looking forward to getting together to re-introduce our PTA events and agree on a new fundraising project.

This will kick off next Friday, 24th June, with a pyjama day - very much in demand by the children! Depending on the weather, slippers, dressing gowns, onesies can be worn. Shorts and a T shirt can also be an alternative. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 to be brought in exchange for a day of fun in our PJs! Please give to the class teacher on Friday morning.



We are currently advertising for a Midday Assistant to join our lunchtime team. The hours are 12pm to 1.15pm,

Monday to Friday. The role involves working directly with the children, supervising them at lunchtime outside and indoors when the weather is wet, as well as assisting with lunches in the hall. A free hot meal is provided at 1.15pm. For further details and the application form, please visit the 'Vacancy' page on our school website or by following this [link](#). The last date to apply is Friday 1st July.



Next Wednesday!

We will be having our end of year class photographs taken next Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes with their school sweatshirt that day. Our Year 6 children will have an individual leavers portrait taken in addition to the class photo which will be made as an option for parents to purchase.

Homework Sheets

Homework sheets for the final half term has been emailed home today. You can also find them on the class pages of the school website should you misplace your copy. Thank you for your support with the homework - it not only enhances our curriculum offer, but also provides the much needed support for the learning of basic skills in English and Maths. Year 6, please note, you have a task sheet for the last weeks of term too.

Jubilee Book



This week, children in Years 1-6 received a Queen Elizabeth Book provided by the Government to celebrate the platinum jubilee. Its a little tricky for Reception and Nursery but we have put copies of the books in their classrooms to share with their teachers.

Open Evening

We are delighted to confirm that our Celebration Open Evening will take place this year on Wednesday 13th July, 5 - 7pm. More details to follow.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and
the Etchells staff

