

SCHOOL NEWS

Macmillan Coffee Morning | Sponsored Activity | Governor Vacancy



The Board of Governors is a key element of the Leadership and Management of the school. It is made up of representatives from the community, parent body as well as some from a little further afield who are interested in supporting the school in this role. We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and a nomination form and letter from myself is attached. The role involves attending a Full Governing Board meeting once a term. These are usually held on a Tuesday, between 4pm and 6pm. You would also be required to join one of our sub-committees: Teaching and Learning or Resources. The committees usually meet once or twice a term, again, between 4pm and 6pm. If you would like any further information about the role please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Mr Choudry, Chair of Governors, using the headteacher email.

All nomination forms need to be returned to school, via email to the headteacher, by Tuesday 29th September, 12 noon. If there is more than one nomination we will then hold a parental ballot and all families will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred candidate.

All parents new to the school are more than welcome to put themselves forward for this really important role.

INSET Day



We normally hold an INSET day on the 1st September. However, this year, the day was replaced with three LA

exceptional closure days which allowed us to set the up school after the full electrical re-wire and also to deliver COVID-19 training to all staff.

[The new date for the INSET is Friday 23rd October \(the day we break up for half term\)](#)

The focus for the day will be to review our assessments carried out during this first half term and identify adjustments we need to make to the curriculum going forward. It is vitally important that we identify any gaps in knowledge, skills and understanding and we tailor our planning carefully for the rest of the term and academic year.

Behaviour Policy

You may be interested to know that our Behaviour Policy has been updated to reflect additional expectations in the Covid climate. If a child is in 'Reflection', the form completed will now be emailed home by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The policy can be viewed on the school website.





Some parents have expressed their concern regarding the lack of distancing on the pavement and the playground at drop off and pick up times. Some schools have enforced the wearing of masks at these times. This is not something we wish to stipulate at the moment but we must be confident that social distancing is being practised and everyone's safety is respected. I really appreciate your cooperation with this.

Macmillan Coffee morning

Macmillan is a charity that, as a school, we are very keen to support. Every year we raise a few hundred pounds for this extremely worthy cause. We would normally invite you into school to share coffee and cake with us, but unfortunately the current circumstances do not make this possible. On the morning of Friday 25th September (next week), we will be outside the front of school with collecting buckets for your donations. Please support if you can. We will be having biscuits and squash in classes to mark the occasion.



Kind regards,
Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff

Parents' Meetings

Usually at this time of year we invite parents to come to an information evening and meet the class teacher. This year, the information will be delivered electronically. A video powerpoint will be made available to all parents by Friday 16th October. We will let you know when and where nearer the time.

Class Sponsored Events

Every September, the classes hold a sponsored event. This is to raise money for incidentals that arise during the course of the year. These could include ingredients for cooking, unusual resources to enhance a topic, prizes etc. The funds are hugely appreciated and make a big difference. Previously, the PTA donated funds but a few years ago it was decided that each class could take responsibility of working together and partaking in a fun, sponsored activity. The class teachers will be sending out information and a sponsor sheet for your child's year group. Thank you in advance for your support.

School Website App



Did you know our school website has a linked App? You need to search for 'School Spider' and select Etchells. The App gives you short cuts to this newsletter, gives you quick access to the parent area and allows you to view photo galleries and calendar events without having to log in to the website.

