

SCHOOL NEWS

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Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the Spring term and to 2016. I hope everyone had a good break and enjoyed the holiday. The teachers had a very productive INSET day on Monday monitoring the curriculum in their roles as subject leaders. Action plans for each subject have been created in order to move forward with our continuous drive for improvement. The children have hit the ground running this week, starting their new topics and getting stuck in straight away with their English and Maths lessons. Today your child will have brought home their termly newsletter and homework sheet.

Sporting Success!!

At the end of last term, we entered two Year 5 teams into the Kingsway Tag Rugby Festival. This is a great introduction to the sport and although the teams had little experience, they showed true sportsmanship in their determination and enthusiasm to do well. I was delighted to learn that after playing several matches, the Etchells team came out as overall winners and proudly returned to school with the festival trophy. We are always looking for new sporting opportunities for our children to participate in and to widen their experience. Next month, we will be joining the Dodgeball Festival. Watch this space!!



School Disco

Our next school disco will be held on:

Friday 22nd January

For Nursery, Reception and KS1, the disco will be held from 3.15 - 4.15pm. We invite parents of Nursery and Reception pupils to come to the disco to supervise their children and like to aim for a ratio of around 1 adult to 2 children.

For KS2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) the disco will be held from 4.30pm to 5.45pm.

Letters will come home next week with further details. Please note that entrance to the disco will be by ticket only which needs to be bought beforehand. Details about this to come next week.

Bright Sparks

Our Eco Club are busy planning to mark 'Bright Sparks' Day. We ask the children to come to school in non-uniform but making sure their clothing is as bright as possible. The message they are wanting to share with pupils is the importance of being seen during the dark nights and mornings and how wearing bright clothing can really make a difference to safety.

Bright Sparks Day will be held on:

Friday 22nd January

This is the same day as the disco, so the children will be dressed for the occasion!

Y3 Pottery

On Monday we will be welcoming a professional potter into school to work with our Y3 children. As part of their 'Digging Up The Past' topic, they will be making a scarab beetle tile and using hieroglyphics. Look out for photos on the website later on next week.

Breakfast and After School Club

Kidzone@Etchells have made an excellent start to providing our Breakfast and After School Care. As you may recall, it is being run by the Marple Childcare Company. I would like to remind parents that all bookings, payments and cancellations need to be made directly to them and not through our school office.

We have definitely noticed the temperatures outside being a little more winter like this week. Please ensure your children have a named coat in school every day. There is talk of snow next week - please remember that if we do experience heavy snow, any communication regarding this will be sent by text and an urgent message placed on the website. Please check these before phoning the office. Many thanks.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the
Etchells staff

