

SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Governor Vacancy | Come for Coffee | PTA AGM

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



One of our favourite charity events in the year is the Macmillan Coffee Morning. During Covid we were able to continue to raise money out on the front of school which was really successful. This year we would like to invite you back into school to enjoy a hot drink and a piece of cake. The hall will be open from 9.15am to 10.30am. We will bring the children down to the hall for a drink and a biscuit too. If you are able to donate any cakes - bought or home made - it would be much appreciated. We must insist that they are all NUT FREE. Please bring any donations to the hall before drop off (come through the main entrance).

We would also ask you to bring your own cup as we are still taking precautions around Covid and it would make arrangements a little more straightforward. We will still have collection buckets on the front of school in case you would like to donate but are unable to stay for coffee. We're really looking forward to holding this special community event once again.



We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. 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. The role doesn't involve canvassing opinion or to give parent feedback to the board; instead, the position involves being a representative of the parent body. The role involves being part of the strategic Leadership and Management of the school, leaving the operational running of the school to the Senior Leadership Team.

It also 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 (see attached) need to be returned to school, via email, to the headteacher, by Monday 26th 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 candidates. All parents new to the school are more than welcome to put themselves forward for this really important role.

Further information is attached and you can also view this short video [here](#).





Reminders...

- ✓ Next Monday is a Bank Holiday and we will open again on Tuesday morning.
- ✓ Are you able to volunteer to help with reading and maths fluency (eg counting, times tables)? If so please contact the class teacher.
- ✓ Please do not use the school car park - this is reserved for staff only. We have around 60 members of staff, some of whom come and go during the school day. Any spaces are reserved for them. The only exception to this is for Blue Badge holders - the badge must be displayed clearly on the dashboard.
- ✓ The menu for school dinners can be found on the school website or by clicking [here](#). It is helpful if you can assist the younger children choose what they may wish to have as they are not able to order alternatives such as sandwiches. A choice must be made from the menu.
- ✓ The Annual General Meeting of the PTA is being held on Tuesday 27th September, 6pm, in school. All parents are invited to attend. We will be reviewing the fundraising from last year as well as discussing upcoming events and fundraising projects. Please email pta@etchells.stockport.sch.uk if you intend to come in order for us to arrange an appropriate room.
- ✓ If you see any illegal parking outside school you can request a parking enforcement online. If you do it immediately, and there is an officer in the area, they will attend and issue a ticket. Alternatively, they will come in the following days. Click [here](#) for the page or you can search 'request parking enforcement stockport council'.



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 Monday 26th September, 12 noon.

Children's Birthdays



Just to let our new parents know, and a reminder to all our other families, that we do not give out birthday treats of party bags to children in the class. Parents told us in the past that children were coming home with too many sweets and treats (sometimes 2 to 3 times a week) and asked us to change this. Providing party bags is extremely costly and we don't want our families feeling like they have to make this unnecessary expense. Some parents have bought a single book to share with the class and then keep in the class library which is a lovely idea.

Harvest Donations



We will be collecting donations for The Wellspring, a Stockport charity which provides resources and care for the homeless or those in danger of losing their homes. I have attached a poster with details of what can be donated - please refer to this to see what is needed the most. We have a collection box in the school entrance - if you would like to donate, please do so by Friday 21st October. Thanks in advance.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells

