

SCHOOL NEWS

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Head Boy and Girl

We are doing everything we can to keep Etchells as normal as possible during these times and appointing a Head Boy and Girl is an example of this. We make these appointments every term and Year 6 have to put themselves forward, make a speech and then receive votes from their classmates. I am delighted to announce that Safdar and Lilly have taken on the roles for this term.



The role will be a little different this term as usually it involves presenting the Star of the Week certificates every Monday in assembly, showing parents round, placing the remembrance wreath at the memorial in November and assisting with welcoming parents to our Christmas performances. We're taking every week as it comes at the moment and making adjustments as we go. I'm sure we will be able to make adaptations to enable our Head Boy and Girl to be involved as much as possible in school life.

COVID-19 Update

It has been quite a week and unfortunately we have had six positive cases of the virus in the last seven days. The cases have involved pupils, staff and Kidzone staff. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigated our way through the closure of bubbles and communication with parents. To begin with, we were advised to use the Public Health England letter; it soon transpired there were flaws with this and I appreciate the feedback that you gave us to make this better. In the event of a bubble closure, I am now writing to the whole year group to explain exactly who needs to isolate and why. The PHE letter now has written very clearly at the top of it which year group or class it is intended for. It is important to understand that, particularly in adult cases, we are able to identify close contacts much more easily. Therefore, on occasions, it might only be necessary to close half a class. When a child has tested positive, they will have been with both classes in the bubble at breaks and lunchtimes and that is when a whole year group has to close. Children in Kidzone are asked to isolate for 14 days from the time of their last contact with the positive person.

We are just finalising a Home Learning Policy which we will share with you. If a whole bubble has closed then the home learning that was in place in the summer term will resume with the teacher uploading daily lessons. If your child is self isolating for other reasons and the teacher is still teaching in school, then you will be able to access a bank of resources to enable your child to carry on learning at home. A number of parents have enquired about live lessons becoming part of the home learning programme. In line with other schools in Heald Green and Cheadle Hulme, these won't be taking place for Primary Age children. It is also recommended by the Local Authority that live lessons are not provided.





We are very keen to once again support The Wellspring with our Harvest Festival celebrations. We all know what a fantastic job this charity does but also how much they rely on donations to enable them to provide food for those in need. See below for their specific wish list. For convenience, you may prefer to make a donation so supplies can be bought by The Wellspring themselves. Attached to this email is a flyer with further information about what



different amounts can buy and how to make payment. Please bring any donations straight to class. Collection is taking place on Friday 23rd October and so due to the INSET taking place on this day, the last chance to bring in will be Thursday 22nd October.

Flu Immunisation

The link to opt IN or OUT of the Flu immunisation expires TODAY!!

School does not handle the consent forms and you must use the following link:

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?id=106045&Type=FLU>

Contact Information

Normally at this time of year, we would send home a data collection sheet for you to check that we have all your correct details on record. As we are limiting paper distribution in the current climate we will not be sending this home this year. We are asking that if any of your details have changed please let us know via the admin@etchells.stockport.sch.uk email address. This might include any change of address, up to date contact names, phone numbers and email address. Please only contact us if anything has changed.

Half Term Holiday Club



A Half Term Hallowe'en Holiday Club is taking place at Outwood Primary School from the 26th to

the 30th October. Please see the attached flyer for more information regarding pricing, safety measures and activities.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff



Social Contact

The Local Authority have asked us to remind families that mixing families in households and gardens is currently not allowed in Stockport.

You must not host people you do not live with in your home or garden, unless they're in your support bubble. In parks up to six people can meet but this number includes children. We are aware of a number of large groups congregating in the park after school. Despite the fact that children are in bubbles in school, large groups meeting is illegal in public spaces.

We ask once again, especially in light of our increased number of positive cases, that you keep your distance in school, do not linger on the playground and follow the one way system at all times.

