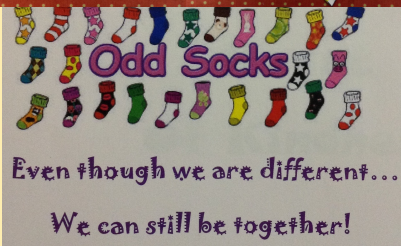


# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Anti-Bullying Week

We have had lots of opportunity this week to think about the theme 'United Against Bullying'. Our odd socks day also helped us to consider ways in which we are all unique. There has been some fantastic work completed - please see examples from Reception below. We do of course think about bullying all year round and deal with any issues as soon as they arise. I have attached our Anti-Bullying policy for you to look at, and should you ever wish to refer to it in the future, there is a copy on our website too.



### Cycle Helmets

Nursery have received a very generous donation of some balance bikes from Cycle Buddies. We are asking if any families may have a helmet at home that fits a smaller sized head which is no longer being used. We would be very grateful for any donations!



Once again, we will be supporting this amazing charity and I'm sure you'll agree, a cause more important than ever during these uncertain times. For those of you who maybe new to this initiative, it involves donating a Christmas present for a child who is unlikely to receive anything this Christmas. Sadly, there are many in this position right here in Stockport and Greater Manchester.

If you would like to donate, please bring a present, unwrapped, to the school entrance and put in the dedicated box. As always, please wear a face covering when dropping off. Attached to this email is a list of suggested items for different age ranges. They usually struggle to collect as many gifts for teenagers, so please consider items for this age group if possible.

The collection box will be available from Monday 23rd November and is being collected on Friday 11th December. The Etchells community is always so committed to making a difference for others and so I would like to thank you in advance if you are able to contribute.



### Christmas Cards

Please note that this year, for safety reasons, we will NOT be allowing the distribution of Christmas cards between children and to staff. We will do one big Happy Christmas to everyone nearer the time!





**GET INVOLVED!**

There is still time to put your name forward to be a Parent Governor. The closing date is Tuesday 24th November (next week). Please see last week's School News for more information. The application pack is attached again this week. It is really important to have representation of our parent body on the board of governors, so please consider this opportunity if you think it could be for you.

## Diwali

This week we have marked the festival of Diwali by taking part in specialist dance workshops. These were enjoyed by all and enhanced further our multi-cultural celebrations here at Etchells.

*Our Diwali Dance*



Kind regards,  
Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff



## Isolation Rules

Unfortunately, we have one of our year groups self-isolating at the moment. It has been brought to my attention, that children within this group have been seen outside, in the park, on the school playground and in the village. Anybody self-isolating must not leave the house. This doesn't apply to parents or other family members however. Please see the guidance set out by the NHS below. It is a huge sacrifice to have to stay at home and miss precious days education in school. Therefore, I ask for these rules to be followed properly.

### How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

#### Don't

- ✗ do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- ✗ do not go on public transport or use taxis
- ✗ do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- ✗ do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- ✗ do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

## Reception Places 2021

If you need to apply for a place in Reception for September 2021, now is the time to submit your application to the Local Authority. If you know anyone who may not be familiar with our school, please direct them to the information on our website. We are unable to hold a Prospective Parents' Open Morning this year, but I hope the videos and booklets we have on the website are helpful. I am more than happy to have a phone conversation with anyone who may have further questions.

## COVID-19 Costs Petition

Schools are incurring a huge range of costs brought about by the virus to enable us to keep everyone as safe as possible. These costs are not funded. If you think we should receive extra support with this, please consider signing this petition:

[https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/555718?utm\\_campaign=2028427](https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/555718?utm_campaign=2028427)

