

# SCHOOL NEWS

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A shorter School News this week due to the fact that I have attached newsletters from both the PTA and Parent Council. As usual, these have been really well produced and are easy and interesting to read - please take the time to look at them. You will find both newsletters under the School Partners section of the website. Thank you to the parents who have been involved in writing and producing these.

### Attendance!

The half termly non-uniform prize for the class with the highest attendance goes to RG who have a combined percentage of 95.5%. We will be awarding all children who have attendance at 98% or above with a merit - this will be done after half term. You will receive a copy of your child's attendance record with the mid-term report before parents' evening.

Our current school attendance at the half way point of this academic year lies at 95.3%, below national average. We are aiming to be above the national average of 96% by the end of the year. It would be a fantastic achievement if we could achieve this by all working together and keeping family holidays within the school holidays.

### Parents Evening Booking

Our Spring Parents' Evening will be taking place on Wednesday 2nd March between 3.30 and 7pm and on Thursday 3rd March between 3.30 and 6pm. It is really important that an appointment is made to speak to your child's class teacher in order to be fully informed about their progress, attainment and attitudes to learning. If you can't make these times, please contact your class teacher and we will endeavour to make an alternative time if possible. Please remember this is a parent only time and children should not be brought to school. Many thanks for respecting this previously as it helps create a calmer and more focussed time for your appointments.

To book an appointment, please use the online system via the following link

<https://etchells.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>.

Booking will become live on Saturday morning at 8am (tomorrow). If you have any difficulties booking your appointment, please contact the school office on the first day back after the half term holiday.

### Spare Clothes!

The teachers have brought to my attention that some children are getting very wet and muddy whilst playing outside at break and lunchtime. We do of course encourage the children to play sensibly, but inevitably there are times when trousers end up getting soaked through. We are happy for parents to provide old joggers to put in PE kits to change into should they find themselves in such a situation. We also recommend that joggers are worn for outdoor games at this time of year too. Please ensure all items are named.

Have a wonderful half term holiday.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

