

SCHOOL NEWS

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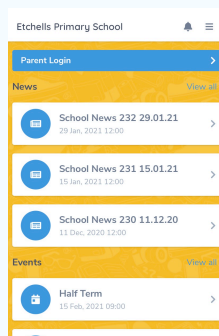
Parents' Evening Booking

Parents' Evening appointments will be available to book from midday on Monday 8th February. The booking window will close at midday on Thursday 11th February. You will have received information yesterday regarding how to book using the school website. Please go through the Parent log-in area found at the top left of the home page.



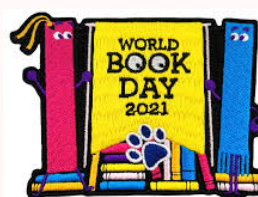
You can also book through the School Spider App.

The App holds key information from our school website such as the latest newsletters, upcoming calendar dates and galleries. You will see a blue band at the top taking you to the parent log-in. If you haven't got the App, search for School Spider and then select Etchells.



The teachers will contact you directly with a zoom link for your appointment. Please note, however, that this might not be until the day before and will not be organised by the school office.

World Book Day ~ The Great Heald Green Book Spot



World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 4th March. Our English Leaders, Miss le Couteur and Miss Williams have

been considering ideas for the day which can be delivered with the home learning programme; more details will follow. However, there is one activity you might want to start thinking about now.

We are asking everyone to create a book cover design - to include the title, author and illustration of a book they know - and then place the finished piece in a front window so it can be spotted from the pavement. We have invited the other local Heald Green schools to get involved so when you are out and about, taking your daily exercise, book covers can be spotted along the way! It would be great to see some of the finished posters - you can message them directly to me on ClassDojo.



Well-Being Day

Next Friday, we will be holding a screen-free and non-uniform day. It has been a very intensive half term with so much of the teaching and learning taking place through screens. We will be organising practical, creative and physical activities for children both in school and at home. Those attending school can come in non-uniform.



Please note activities will be uploaded on Thursday and there will be no engagement from teachers on Friday on ClassDojo.

Pick-up and Drop-off

I would like to politely remind everyone that after dropping off and picking up children, you should leave the playground immediately. We have staggered the times to enable social distancing. If you need to wait for a sibling, please ensure children stay next to you and are not running around the playground. We are trying to keep everyone as safe as possible and need to be mindful that these are not normal times.

Support



A reminder that in school we hold vouchers for the Stockport Food Bank. You do not need to be in receipt of Free School Meals to receive a voucher. If you would benefit from a food parcel, you do need a voucher to exchange and then you can register. I am told that stocks are good at the moment, so if this would benefit you please contact myself or Mrs Kind in the strictest confidence.



We are hoping to receive some more laptops from the Government. Please let me know if a loaned laptop would make things easier for home learning and we will add your name to the list.

Date Reminder

Next Friday we break up for half term and will return to school or home learning on Monday 22nd February.



Next Tuesday we will be marking Safer Internet Day with a range of learning activities. Keep a look out for these on the home learning programme and if your child is attending school, ask them what they have learnt at the end of the day.

Enjoying the chilly outdoors and christening the new Forest School kettle



Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff

