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#### Role of Honour

Well done to the following pupils who successfully completed the 'Big Friendly Read' organised by the local library. They had to read 6 books over the summer holidays which is quite an achievement. Congratulations to:



#### Class Fundraising

In the past the PTA have donated around £100 to each class for the extra bits and pieces teachers need to buy to enhance the curriculum. This may include artefacts for topics, fresh produce such as fruit for art lessons, unusual resources for Design and Technology etc. As the PTA have been focussing on the playground improvement scheme we are asking classes to hold their own fundraising activities. Information will be sent home in the next few weeks - your support is hugely appreciated. Thank you.

#### Thank you John Lewis!

Thank you to everyone who put their green tokens from John Lewis into the Etchells collection box. We were delighted to hear that £750 was raised from this charity initiative. Many thanks to the PTA for setting this up. You can read the John Lewis article below:



A scheme to encourage friendship at a Heald Green primary school is £750 better off thanks to JL's Community Matters.

The money has been donated to Etchells Primary School and will be used to buy 'buddy benches' for the playground.

'The benches are somewhere the children will be able to go and sit if they're feeling sad, or lonely, so the other children know to go and talk them,' says Susie Metcalfe, Chair of the Parent Teacher Association, which has raised £5,000 over the past 12 months for playground improvements. Community Liaison Co-ordinator Christina Underhill visited the school to hand over a giant cheque to Susie and Head Girl Charlotte Lund, who were joined by Charlotte's proud mum Claire, vice chair of the PTA, and Headteacher Cathy Beddows.

'This [money] will complement the money raised by the PTA over the last 12 months,' says Cathy. 'The playground has been the current focus of the PTA for this year, but that is coming to an end and we will choose a new one for next year.' This is the first time the East Avenue school has benefited from a John Lewis donation.





#### Kingsway



We will be welcoming some of our ex-pupils, who currently attend Kingsway, to talk the Y6 children on the 10th October. A senior member of the Kingsway staff will be accompanying them.

The Year sixes will be able to ask questions and find out about school life at Kingsway. The staff will also be around after school and are happy to meet with parents to answer any queries. I am aware that a number of changes have taken place at Kingsway in recent weeks regarding the use of the different sites and children accessing the subway. If this is one of your concerns, come along on the 10th and find out what has been put in place.

### Almost £400 raised!!!



and tidy away today.

Thank you so much for coming to our Macmillan coffee morning - it was lovely to see so many friends, family and ex-members of staff too. We

had a fantastic choice of cakes - I think Evie gets the prize for the largest donation! My thanks also to the volunteers who were here last night setting up the hall and all those who helped to serve

## Y6 Robinwood Information Evening

Next Thursday (6th Oct) we will be holding an information session regarding the Y6 residential to Robinwood. This will take place at 3.30pm in 6M's classroom and will last approximately half an hour. Both parents and children can attend. Information packs will be given out at the meeting. If you are unable to attend we will send the pack home with your child.

#### Parents' Evening

Booking for Parents' Evening will be open at 7.30pm on Monday. Please be aware that booking needs to be made through the ETCHELLS website:

#### www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk

As I have previously indicated, you will need your parent log-on details to access the parent area of the website. If you have not yet sent in your Website use agreement form you will not have your password. If you have misplaced your form, another copy can be obtained from your teacher and we have attached an electronic version to this newsletter. Please note, the school office will be unable to make bookings for you.

Have a good weekend,

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff