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Welcome back to the Spring term of 2017. The children have made a brilliant start displaying excellent behaviour, superb learning skills and application in lessons. They have done some very positive goal setting and affirmation work. You may have seen the particularly good Y5 example on the school's Twitter feed this week telling us to 'Love life, set your own path, be brave, be kind, be helpful'. Couldn't have put it better myself!

Letters

Today you will receive your child's homework sheet for this half term and the Spring Term newsletter. From January the Y6 homework changes to a weekly programme. They will be set English, Maths and spelling each week; this is to help prepare them for the SATs tests in May and to get them into regular homework habits in time for High School.

Date Change!

We have to change the dates of one of the Parents' Evenings due to a clash with the Full Governing Body meeting on Thursday 9th March. Parents' Evening will now take place on Tuesday 7th March with the Wednesday 8th March staying the same.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 23rd January at the

Hallmark Hotel. The meeting will start at 8.30pm but we will arrive from 8pm to get a drink and have an informal chat. <u>Everyone</u> is welcome to attend and contribute to the discussion around future events and how to spend the monies raised.

Online Gaming

In the 9th December School News I wrote about the risks of online gaming and provided information for parents regarding this issue. It has come to our attention that children in school are playing games at home which have an inappropriate rating for their age. It would seem that games rated 18 are being played, not only by our Y6 children, but those in younger year groups too. We strongly advise that common sense is applied and ask parents to understand that an 18 rating is given for a reason. The link to the document follows and it can also be found in the e-safety area of the website.

http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk/ serve_file/146053

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

