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Sports Day 2017

Please read the following report provided by By Meg, Charlotte and Izzy (Year 6)

A Sports Day To Be Remembered

On Wednesday 24th May, Etchells Primary School held our most successful sports day yet. The success was largely down to the organiser, Mrs. Roberts, and the host, Mr. Malone. We thank the parents and teachers for their support and the children, who took part in eight exciting events: sprinting, shot put, the marathon, the hockey slalom, javelin, long jump, discus and hurdles. The parents and teachers also raced for the children's amusement – and were flabbergasted by the immense enthusiasm and support the children showed!

The scores were close with only one point separating the Blue and Yellow teams; however Greens won with a whopping 966 points.

Charlotte, a keen student at Etchells stated: 'This was the most successful sports day in all my time at the school!'

This sports day will be fondly remembered for the children's effort, encouragement and camaraderie. The Y6 children will never forget this great war of colours – and the fun of watching their parents' competitiveness! Surely this will go down as a day for all to remember.



SKeight Cafe

The **S**Keight Cafe in Cheadle Hulme run a charity scheme, similar to the green token scheme at John Lewis. You are given a coffee bean to put in the charity of your choice. Over June, we are one of the charities, so if you're going for a coffee over the coming weeks, consider **S**Keight and donate your coffee bean to Etchells.



Minute Silence



I hope everyone received the emailed letter earlier this week, expressing our sadness and thoughts regarding the tragic events of Monday night. The children took part in the minute silence yesterday at 11am and showed maturity and respect. Please let us know if any children are needing additional emotional support during this difficult time.

Sainsbury's Vouchers!!



Still time!!

Please keep sending in your vouchers until the 30th June. We are now saving for much needed cooking equipment - every token makes a difference - thank you!

Kidzone Holiday Club

There is still availability for the half term holiday club held here at school. I have put forward parent requests to extend the hours of the club but for the moment they will remain 8.30am to 3.30pm. If you would like to book a place, please call: Tracy on 077619 12924 or Chris on 079215 57344.

On Your Bikes!

Interested in your 3-11 year old becoming more skilled and confident on their bikes? Mrs Roberts is involved with CycleBuddies who will be delivering sessions here at Etchells during the summer holidays. More information coming out after half term.



Attendance

Well done to Class 1H for achieving the highest attendance this half term. They topped the leader board with 97.8%. I am delighted that only 3 classes were below the National Average of 96% this half term, taking our yearly percentage to 95.5%. Please see the attendance table in the hall window next to this newsletter.

Can we make it to 96% by the end of the year?

Unfortunately I have had a lot of requests for authorisation of absence for family holidays. I would like to remind parents that holidays will not be authorised and it is your responsibility to check the term dates which are placed on the website over a year in advance. Family members should be made aware of these dates and should therefore not go ahead and book family holidays during term time, knowing that the children are at school.

The Local Authority have now resumed fining parents for holidays and/or persistent absence.

Thank you very much for the donations of sweets and chocolate today. It was a good day to be cool in our own clothes! Have a wonderful two week holiday and we'll see everyone back raring to go for the final half term on Monday 12th June at 8.50am.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff

