# SCHOOL NEWS

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# Back Up and Running!

Many thanks for your patience over these last few weeks whilst we've had significant difficulties with our IT facilities. We have a network for the whole school which failed, resulting in no internet, email, document access, printing and wi-fi. We have invested in a new server which has now been fully installed by our IT technician and so we are back to business as usual.

## **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

We now have a significant number of children in school who have severe nut allergies. Some of the allergies are so sensitive that the child does not even have to consume nuts and even close proximity can cause an extremely serious and <a href="life-threatening">life-threatening</a> reaction. We have therefore decided to make our school a nut-free zone in order to keep ALL our pupils as safe as possible. Many other schools have this policy in place already for the same reasons.

Please respect this policy and do not send nuts into school. Consider snacks, packed lunches and birthday treats and check the ingredients if you are unsure. Any nut items that are seen in school will be sent home.

#### **School Football Team**

Last Saturday the Football team played in a tournament at the Heald Green Festival against local primary schools. The children played four matches and won them all without conceding a single goal! They made it through to the final where after extra time they narrowly lost out in a penalty shoot-out. The team demonstrated an excellent level of skill, commitment and a fantastic attitude through the tournament - well done everybody!! Thanks to John Williams for coaching the children and the fantastic support as always from parents. Thank you also to Miss Pennill for attending the event and assisting with the organisation.



#### **INSET Dates**

Please note that the INSET dates for next academic year are on the holiday dates found on the school website. For quick reference the 5 dates which are taken in addition to the published holidays are: 04.09.17, 05.09.17, 03.01.18, 30.07.18, 31.07.18

#### Staff Changes from September

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Arnold at the end of this year as she takes up a promotion in Tameside in a new role of Assistant Head.

Miss Maxwell will be taking up a new teaching post much closer to home.

We will miss both teachers and their tremendous skill enormously, but wish them every success in their new roles.

Mrs Collins will be returning to a full time teaching commitment and Mrs Vedvik, who has previously taught in Year 3 and 4, will move into Year 2 for four days, alongside Mrs Plumb who currently teaches in 2MP on Mondays.

Miss Gilham will be returning as a permanent member of staff, teaching in the Nursery from September.

Please see the list of teachers and the year groups they will be teaching opposite.

Children will find out who their new teacher is during their first meet the teacher session, taking place on Friday 14th July.

Nursery	Miss Laurie	Miss Gilham
Reception	Mrs Revill	Mrs Gale
Year 1	Miss Hobson	Miss Pennill
Year 2	Mrs Wilson	Mrs Plumb Mrs Vedvik
Year 3	Mrs Collins	Mrs Townend Mrs Lambert
Year 4	Mrs Mallinson	Ms Richards
Year 5	Miss Williams	Mrs Roberts
Year 6	Mr Malone	Miss le Couteur

#### **School Uniform**

We will be selling school uniform at our celebration Open Evening taking place on Wednesday 19th July. The office will also be open during the second INSET day on Tuesday 5th September for uniform purchases. <u>Uniform will not be sold on Wednesday 6th September</u>. After this date, parents will be able to come to the office from Thursday 7th September to make any further purchases. Please avoid busy times (8.30-9.15am and 3 - 3.30pm)

### Reception and Nursery next September

On Thursday this week we held an information evening for our new Nursery and Reception parents. Many thanks to those who attended; we hope you found it useful. I am delighted to say we are full in Reception for September and have a waiting list. We have also been able to offer many entitled parents the new 30 hours free childcare initiative which is being introduced from September in Nursery. This will also mean our nursery will be close to being full which is great news. We appreciate all the recommendations and positive words parents have been saying about our school in the local community.

Next Friday we hope to see as many of you as possible at the summer fair. We are happy to be going ahead with the event but with a few less stalls this year. Next Friday is also non-uniform day in exchange for a (full) bottle of something. All donations are voluntary as always.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

