

SCHOOL NEWS

Last School News of the Year

Thank you!

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to say thank you to the whole Etchells community for making it the special place it is. We started the year with a really successful Ofsted and since then have been driving forward improvements with the curriculum, introducing Forest School and outdoor learning. All the year groups have had the opportunity to perform for parents and in the community (year six's turn next week!). We have seen some wonderful trips go out which have not only enhanced the curriculum but have helped develop the children's teamwork and collaborative skills, widening their experiences.

I would like to thank parents for your continued support over the year and for some wonderful feedback on the end of year reports and questionnaires. The PTA, Governors and Parent Council have played an important part in our school life and I would like to thank all these parent volunteers for their time and dedication to Etchells.

My thanks also to both teaching and non-teaching staff who have tackled the challenges of the year posed by school funding, new assessment procedures and curriculum demands with resilience and a determination to provide the best for our children.

We say a final goodbye to Miss Arnold, Miss Maxwell and Miss Lomax next week and wish them all well in the next stages of their careers.

We also say goodbye to a fabulous Year 6; they have been a terrific year group and we will miss them. We wish them every success at secondary school and hope they set their aspirations high and achieve their goals. Good luck Year 6 and remember to keep that open, growth mindset!!

Y6 Leavers Party

It has been a very busy week in school! Year 6 had a fabulous send off party on Tuesday night and they really did look amazing as they strutted down the red carpet, through the photo booth and into the hall for cool dancing and daft games!



Thanks to parents for providing food and to everyone who helped make the evening such a success.

Open Evening

Many thanks to all who came to our Celebration Open Evening. I know many families valued not only seeing the children's work but also having the opportunity to meet the next teacher. Thank you for your positive feedback. If you haven't sent back your questionnaire or report slip please could you do so before the end of term.



Old Shoe Collection

Just a reminder that next Thursday we are asking children to come to school in their own shoes and to leave their school shoes (if still in a decent condition) for the Sal's Shoes collection. If you would like to donate an alternative pair of shoes, that is fine too. Please remember to secure each pair of shoes with an elastic band.



Uniform Sales

If you weren't able to buy uniform at the Open Evening, your next opportunity will be on Tuesday 5th September, from 9am until 12 noon. This is our second INSET day - the children will not be in school, but the office will be open for you to come along and make purchases. Please note, the office will not be open on Monday 4th September.

Roald Dahl Dressing Up!

We would like to give you a pre-warning of a dressing up date taking place on 13th September. Children are being asked to come to school for the day dressed as any Roald Dahl character - costumes can be simple or elaborate, the idea is to have some fun and promote the enjoyment of reading.



Final e-safety message of the year



I would like to draw parents' attention to a fantastic website called Parent Zone. This site gives you a 'one-stop' place to find information about current apps, cyber bullying, digital parenting, consoles such as Nintendo Switch, live steaming and Netflix. It really is an impressive wealth of information. The link can be found with our other e-safety pointers in the 'Additional' section of the website or you can follow the link below:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>



Details on the hugely popular photo-sharing platform.



Chill - we have Netflix parental controls covered.



All you need to know about live streaming.



Advice on the video making & sharing app

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

We have several unclaimed raffle prizes from the Summer Fair still awaiting collection. Amongst these are the 2nd and 3rd prize of £50 and £25 so dig deep in those pockets and look for your tickets! If prizes remain unclaimed they will be put back into the PTA fund:

- £50 white 76
- £25 green 787
- Bucks Fizz & chocs orange 423
- Cuppaccino Bistro Afternoon tea orange 422

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very enjoyable and restful Summer holiday. We close at 2pm on Thursday - all children need to be collected at this time or be booked into Kidzone.

We have 2 INSET days in September and look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 6th September at 8.50am.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

