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For those of you new to Etchells, you may not be aware that we have a Twitter feed which provides regular updates about school and celebrates achievements and events. If you would like to make a comment to be re-tweeted, please include our handle, @EtchellsPS, in your tweet. Please understand that we do not use Twitter to answer questions or as a form of 2 way communication.



School Office

Just a reminder that the school office is open between 8.30am and 4.30pm and phone calls will only be answered during these times. Communication with the office can also be made by email using the following address:

admin@etchells.stockport.sch.uk

Welcome!!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new children and their parents who have joined us, not only in Reception and Nursery, but in each of the year groups through school too. We hope that your time at Etchells will be happy and full of achievements. We would also like to welcome Miss Arnold, Miss Morris, Miss le Couteur and Mrs Aldred to our teaching staff. They have fitted extremely well into the team and have made an excellent start with their classes.

Year Group Newsletters

This year we are introducing termly newsletters for each year group in order to improve communication between school and parents. You will find out about specific details and information relating to your child's year group for example trip details, PE days, homework and reading expectations. These will be sent out next week and will be posted on the class pages on the website. We hope you find these useful.

School Lunches

The kitchen are doing a magnificent job catering for the additional hot meals for KS1. The ordering system is going well and children are enjoying the choice of meals, including a Halal option. You can find a copy of the menu on the school website. Can we remind all parents that if KS1 children do not wish to take their free hot school meal and would like to bring a packed lunch instead, the office needs to be informed.





Reading Books

At the end of last term we re-organised all the reading books into a new colour banded system. This enables us to link the reading book directly with the National Curriculum level your child is working at. The children are all being re-assessed to ensure they are given the correct level of book. A more detailed letter will be sent home to KS1 parents and books will be issued from next week.

Behaviour

As I informed you last term, we are currently reviewing the behaviour policy in school. We have been trialling some new systems which so far have been successful.

Not all parents will be aware that a lunchtime detention system is being used with children from Y2 to Y6 (this was at the request of the children during the consultation we carried out with them.) Children have a clear ladder of consequences before detentions are issued. I would like to inform parents that detentions are given in accordance with legislation from the DfE.

We will shortly be presenting the new Behaviour Policy to governors and as soon as it is agreed, it will be posted on the school website for your reference.

Clubs

We felt that the new booking system for after school and lunchtime clubs, which was introduced last term, was successful and therefore we will continue with the same procedures this term. The office staff will be in the hall on Wednesday morning from 7.30am. Please come from this time to sign up and pay for clubs. There will be the opportunity to sign up after school also but please bear in mind that this system works on a first come first served policy. We will be sending home a list of clubs and times on Monday. I'm pleased to inform you that we have some new clubs on offer this term; the old gym club will now be replaced with Rhythm Gymnastics led by Life Leisure. This Stockport based company are also going to provide professional development in dance for our staff as well as specialised teaching for the children during PE. We look forward to a positive partnership with them. We will also be offering Singing club for Reception and Y1 children, as well as a 'Nurture Group'. This group aims to support less confident children in Reception and Year 1, developing their confidence and social skills at playtimes. Places for this group are limited to 10 children, again offered on a first come, first served basis. There will also be KS1 drama club on offer, ICT for Y3-6 and a Design & Technology Club. Clubs will commence week beginning 15th September. Many thanks to the teachers who run these clubs on a voluntary basis - we could not offer such a rich extra-curricular programme without their commitment and I am grateful for their time, energy and expertise.

Have a restful weekend after what has been a very busy week for everyone!

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

