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5R -	Vacancy
5W -	Vacancy
6M	Andrea Pollitt
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SWEETS

Discussions were held concerning pupils bringing sweets, chocolates and full birthday cakes into school to celebrate their birthday.

After discussions with the Parent Council it was decided that going forward children will no longer be allowed to bring these items into school.

Mrs Beddows and her team are going to look at other ways in which a child's birthday can be marked and an update will follow in due course.



School Photographs

The school are going to continue to use Kellie Jo to take the official school pictures following positive feedback from the majority of parents. They acknowledge that the process could have run more smoothly and going forward this will be improved upon for the next round of pictures.

In terms of packages and prices, once a parent logged onto the ordering system there were more options available at varying price points. The form that came home for parents did not contain all the various options and this wasn't clear, but it was made clear by a letter from school sent home on 22nd November.

A complaint was raised about the school sharing personal email addresses, however, this is categorically not the case and the only way a parent's data could have been captured was by giving consent when registering your details online. The school is bound by strict data protection laws and details are never shared without your express permission.

Start of the school day—Some parents had asked for children to be let into the classrooms at 8.45am sharp. Mrs Beddows will remind staff but please note there is a staff briefing every Friday morning which does sometimes cause a brief delay in children being allowed access to the classrooms.

PARKING—Please continue to email Mrs Beddows with photographs of those people parking illegally outside the school. If you wish to report illegal parking you can also contact the police by dialling 101 as well as reporting offenders to the local highways officer— <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/contact-parking> / call 0161 217 6111

For those people that don't believe they are bound by normal parking restrictions please get a conscience and stop putting lives at risk—you know who you are!



Recycling— The school doesn't have the storage space to keep lots of cardboard or recycled materials indefinitely, however, if you are disposing of anything you think might be useful please get in touch with your teacher to see if it can be put to good use.



DOJO's & School Spider Apps

The school are going to explore ways in which the app can tell parents how many dojo's a child has amassed in total. Private messages should not be sent to teachers using the apps, instead a good way in which to drop your teacher a note would be to pop a post it note inside your child's reading diary.



Each set of pictures that are uploaded to the school spider app will now be labelled with the class form name, this means that parents don't have to scroll through lots of pics that don't include their child's class.

Kidzone

Wherever possible Kidzone will try to accommodate last minute bookings but only when numbers allow. Feedback in the meeting was that this is a good provision where the children feel safe and looked after. Mrs Beddows is going to raise the issue surrounding the hours of the school holiday club to see if this can be amended to try to accommodate those parents that need a club to provide full time hours.

THE BALL COURT—The ball court is currently out of action due to the surface carrying a lot of slippery moss which could pose a risk to safety. The ball court surface has this week been treated with grit. It is hoped that following sweeping in the half term holiday and a full inspection, the area will be available for use.

Mr Bebb (Caretaker) is also trying to keep on top of the leaves on the school pathways.

Any other business

Extra Curricular Clubs—Mrs Beddows is going to look at the provision of a drama/performing arts club.

Toilets—Complaints about broken locks and cleanliness will be investigated as well as soap dispensers

School trips—the facility to pay in instalments or to amass a kitty will be explored



Useful reminders / things you might need to know if you're new to Etchells

BOOK BAGS—For older children the book bags are sometimes not big enough to house all their books. Normal backpacks are fine but not holdalls that can accommodate items such as footballs. The book bags tend to drop off in key stage 2 and a normal backpack is perfectly acceptable.

PARENTS EVENING—School does appreciate that sometimes it's impossible to find childcare however, children cannot attend the actual meeting. In exceptional circumstances they can sit quietly outside.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES—Parents are reminded that videoing the performance on an iPad can spoil the enjoyment of the person sat behind them. If bringing babies and toddlers to performances please be mindful of how distracting it can be for the children on stage not to mention those watching.

COMMUNICATION—Any issues with your child should be directed to the class teacher in the first instance.

SCHOOL TRIPS—There will only ever be a maximum of two trips per year up to £20 each plus one in school visitor of up to £10. School do try to give as much notice as possible so these can be budgeted for. The only exception to this would be for years five and six who both have residential trips, therefore, there will only be 1 trip for these years.

PTA—We have a fantastic PTA committee who are committed to promoting community spirit within the school whilst raising much needed funds. They can't do this alone and any offers of help would be gratefully received. To keep up to date, please like their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/etchellspta/>

UNIFORM BANK—A uniform bank is held twice a year to enable good quality, 2nd hand pieces of uniform to be bought and sold.

TEXT MESSAGES—the school has a text messaging service, if you suspect you might not be receiving reminder texts please contact the school office.

USEFUL LINKS

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>