

SCHOOL NEWS

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Message from the PTA:

“ We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have helped support the events organised by the PTA over the last 12 months and would like to welcome new parents to Etchells. Like most PTAs, our funds are raised through events we run. Some of our most popular events last year were the discos, cake bake, Mother’s Day sale and decorating mugs.

With the funds raised from these events, the PTA pay for little extras for the school. For example: Y6 autograph books presented to the leavers in the summer; funding for KS2 lacrosse sessions, science and geography equipment and a brand new football kit for the school team. The money raised from the onesie day last term is being put towards a special treat for the children at the end of November. Freddy Fit will be in school to work with all the Year groups - more details to follow.

Your PTA are always trying to come up with new ideas to offer the children opportunities and experiences and we would welcome new members and new ideas!

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting, in school, on Monday 6th October at 5.30pm. One of the main focuses for the meeting will be planning the Christmas fair. Everyone welcome - you don’t need to join the committee!

Look forward to seeing you there,

The PTA ”



OfSTED

As you will be aware, our school underwent an OfSTED inspection last week. We are awaiting the draft report which then has to be sent back for further checking and verification. The contents of the report has to remain strictly confidential until this process has been completed. We expect publication of the findings in 2 or 3 weeks time.

Macmillan coffee morning

Many thanks for the fantastic turnout last Friday for the Macmillan coffee morning. It was lovely to see parents, community members and pupils mixing and chatting together. A fantastic array of cakes was donated - as usual, you were very generous with your donations. I’m pleased to say that the event raised a fantastic £276.92!!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We would like to remind parents that even though all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school lunch, the office must be informed if you wish to change between packed lunches and hot dinner. We ask for a week's notice to change and your child must stay with that choice for the week. It is not possible to swap and change each day as the school still has to pay for the school meal and the correct amount of food needs to be ordered by the kitchen. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this.

Parent Governor Elections

We were pleased to receive 4 nominations for the post of Parent Governor. For this reason, we will be holding a ballot in order to elect one of the candidates. You will receive your ballot papers and further information about each of the candidates with your child today. Please return your ballot paper in the envelope provided, no later than 12 noon on Friday 10th October.

Breakfast & After School Club

We are putting out a plea for any second hand, good quality toys you maybe able to donate to the Breakfast and After School Club. If you're having a clear out before Christmas, we would be extremely grateful for any donations of jigsaws, lego, k'nex or small games such as top trumps. These extra resources make a big difference to the provision we offer and widen the activities on offer for the children.

Our new Eco Club



Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

