

SCHOOL NEWS

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Welcome Back!

What a fantastic start the children have made to the new academic year. We have been discussing our Bee Rules and routines this week, as well as the Core Values and what they mean. We have hit the ground running with the curriculum and already I have seen some wonderful work being produced. The induction process for our Reception and Nursery starters has so far been very successful and our new pupils are learning the ropes brilliantly.

I would like to welcome all our new parents and hope that you find this weekly newsletter useful and informative. It is worth knowing that the School News is put on the website each week in addition to it being emailed to parents. Please ensure we always have your most current email address.

You can also keep up to date with school events, news and celebrations via our Twitter feed. Follow us:

@EtchellsPS



We will also continue to use ClassDojo and the class story to keep you updated with your child's class. Log-ins will be given to new starters. Please remember that this isn't to be used as a communication tool with teachers.

Important messages should be relayed to the teacher either on the playground or via the school office.



PTA AGM



The Annual General Meeting of the PTA will be taking place on

Thursday 27th September at 7pm, here at school.

Everybody is invited, including new parents. The purpose of the meeting is to hear an account of what has been achieved in 2017-18 and what the plans are going forward. There will also be a brief summary of the accounts detailing monies raised and how they will be/have been spent. Another very important aspect of the meeting is to discuss ideas for fundraising projects for this academic year. Please come along - you don't need to be a committee member, just have an interest in the life and community of the school.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday we emailed a letter regarding the Harvest Festival. Please ensure that you have read and received it.



A Change in Morning Arrangements

The pedestrian gates to the playground will now be unlocked at 8.35am at the earliest. We are finding that too many children are being dropped and left in the playground far too early. There is no adult supervision before 8.45am and therefore it is not safe for the children to be left. Our breakfast club, Kidzone, play outside in the morning and keeping the gates locked until this time ensures the grounds are much safer for them too.

IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS USING BREAKFAST KIDZONE:

We would like you to bring your children to the breakfast club via the main entrance of the school. The Kidzone door bell will be situated in the foyer. Please do not knock on the office window or ring the bell for their attention. You need to use the Kidzone bell and wait for their staff to come and open the door.

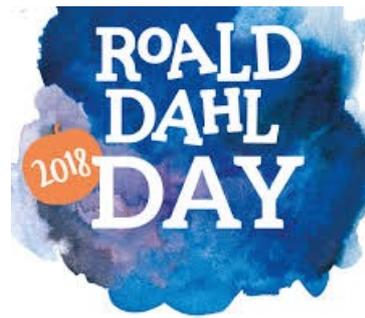
Important Dates

By next week we will have entered all the key dates for the year on the school website calendar. Please make this your first port of call for enquiries regarding dates and timings of events. If there is anything missing please let us know.

Nasal Flu Immunisation

All children in Reception and up to and including Year 5 will receive the nasal flu immunisation here in school. This will be taking place on 29th October. More information will be sent out nearer the time and parents have the opportunity to opt out if they wish.

Roald Dahl Day



Roald Dahl Day is a National celebration of this very much loved author. September was his birthday month and marking the day

not only commemorates his collection of stories, but also gives us an opportunity to celebrate and promote a love of reading too. We are inviting children to come dressed in an outfit inspired by one of his characters. This does not have to be an elaborate or costly costume - Joe from Charlie and the Chocolate factory simply wore jeans and a T-shirt! There is a huge amount of choice which we will leave up to you.

The day is taking place **next week on Thursday 13th September.**

School Dinners

Please ensure that school dinners are paid for a **week in advance**. There is the option to pay half termly or termly to make it easier for some parents.

If your child wishes to change from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa, a **week's notice** must be given via the school office.

At the end of October we will be providing a taster session for parents in order for you to try the new dishes which will appear on the winter menu after half term.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

