

SCHOOL NEWS

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New Head Boy and Girl

We start every new term with the appointment of a new Head Boy and Girl. These positions are elected by the Year 6 children and staff and are very important roles of responsibility. You will recognise them by their red sweatshirts and may come across them as they carry out duties such as showing people around school, collecting tickets at performances and laying the remembrance wreath at the memorial

service in November. I am delighted to announce that the Head Boy and Girl for this Autumn are Aaron and Keira.



Open Morning for 2019 New Parents

At this time of year, we are already starting to take a considerable number of enquiries for children starting school or Nursery in 2019. The closing date for places is in January and so decisions have to be made this term. We will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents on Thursday 15th November. This will start at 9.30am in the hall with a presentation from myself and Mrs Revill, the Early Years Leader. We will be talking about the whole school as well as Early Years so parents can get a real flavour of what we're about. Places do not need to be booked in advance. If you know anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to come along.

Homework Sheets and Class Newsletters

Your child will have brought home their homework sheet and class newsletter this week. Please refer to the newsletter carefully for key dates and also remember to check the website calendar for any dates before phoning the school office.



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Regular practice of counting, times tables, corresponding division facts, addition and subtraction facts, regular reading, are all essential homework tasks as well as those outlined on the sheet. Fluency and confidence in these areas are vital for success in the Primary years.

Thank you!

We were bowled over with the response to our harvest collection. Over 500 items filled at least 12 large boxes; thanks to those who organised the donations ready for collection by The Wellspring Charity for the homeless. They have passed on their thanks and appreciation to all our families.



Changes with the PTA



Today you will have received communication from the PTA regarding the need to appoint a new Chair and Secretary. Chris and Kerry have taken on the roles for a year and have done an amazing job.

Unfortunately work commitments have meant that they are no longer able to continue. I would like to thank them immensely for all the hard work, time and dedication they have given to the role and the part they have played in raising valuable funds for school, as well as bringing the community together for fun family events. The roles can be filled by parents from any year groups, and as Chris has proved, a new Reception Parent can do it too! It's a great way to get involved with school at the heart of it's community. Please return your nomination form if you are interested.

Sponsor Events

At this time of year all the classes hold sponsored events in order to raise some additional class funds. The monies are used for extra little things the teachers need to buy for class in order to enhance the curriculum and activities. These might include fresh ingredients, unusual craft items, topic related items such as stick insects, prizes. All these things make a real difference and we thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Spooky Disco



The PTA will be holding this much loved event on Thursday 1st November after school. Times and details will be sent home shortly but you may just want to put the date on your calendar for now.

Reminders

- Please remember the school car park is for staff only. We have got a number of parents who keep trying to park in an already congested area.
- We have had reports of scabies in school. Please ensure you know the signs and symptoms and you get it treated quickly as it is extremely contagious.
- Parents have also told us about threadworm and head lice cases. Please check heads carefully and insist on hand washing and fingers away from mouths to avoid the spread of threadworm.
- Don't forget to send your flu form back in - you need to say 'yes' or 'no' to the immunisation. It is parental choice and reasons don't need to be given.
- Any requests for absence should be submitted via the Leave of Absence Request Form available from the school office. Please do not email with requests.

Request from Nursery

Nursery are busy setting up their outdoor area and in particular, a mud kitchen. If you have any old pots and pans you could spare, please could you donate them to the Nursery staff. If any toy kitchens are being re-homed to make space for Christmas and you would like to donate to school, please let us know. It would be very much appreciated.

It has been a very busy first 2 weeks of term. We are aware that a large number of letters have been sent home. Please be aware that this is not the norm and communications will ease soon. Please ensure you read this newsletter every week however, to keep up with important dates and news.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

