

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Parents' Online Safety Morning



We have an information session regarding Online Safety for Parents planned for Tuesday 16th October at 9am (next

week). This is led by the Local Authority PSHE consultant, Tanya Cross, who is extremely knowledgeable in this area. The sessions we have had in previous years have really been an eye opener and many parents have commented that everyone should hear the messages given.

**Important:** if you are able to come please could you let the office know either by email or phone call by Monday 12 noon. If we have less than 15 parents who can attend we will have to cancel the event. If you would have preferred a late afternoon time could you also let us know.

## PTA Christmas Fair Donation Day



Next Friday (19th October) will be the first of our PTA Christmas Fair Donation Days.

We are asking for a one pound donation in exchange for coming to school in non-uniform. The money collected is used to create cash prizes for the raffle. In the past we have had a first prize of £75, second prize £50 and third prize £25.

Your donations make a huge difference and we would like to thank you in advance. Donations are optional.



It is important that all parents understand that Etchells is a NUT FREE SCHOOL. We have a growing number of children in school who have nut allergies and for some, this is extremely dangerous and actually life threatening.

We insist that all snacks and lunches are nut-free. This includes chocolate hazelnut spreads, many cakes and biscuits, as well as confectionary bars in packed lunches.

Some children are affected even with airborne traces of nuts, meaning that direct contact does not have to be made to trigger the allergy.

Any child found with food containing nuts will not be able to consume them and a replacement will need to be brought into school.

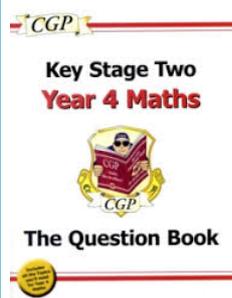
### Walking Home

Some parents would like their children to walk home unaccompanied. Please let the school office know *in writing* if this is the case, so we know we can release your child without an adult present.



## Homework

We received a few requests at Parents' Evening for regular weekly homework sheets for the children to fill in. We reviewed homework through an extensive consultation process with the Parent Council and the current format was agreed after several adjustments. Homework is a difficult issue to please everyone with as there are many differing opinions. If you would like further structured work for your child to complete at home, we recommend CGP publications who sell age related books for reading, grammar, spelling and maths. They are cheap to buy and provide an excellent back up for home:



<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Parent/books>

## Request From Early Years

- \* We have a fantastic woodwork bench and tools designed for little hands in Reception. Do you know anyone who could come and in and help the children with a woodworking task? If so, please make contact with Mrs Revill.
- \* Do you have any dressing up clothes that your children have grown out of? Please consider donating to Reception and Nursery if you have. These really enable the children to get fully involved with their imaginative play and we appreciate any donations you can make.



## PARKING!!



Once again, we are experiencing a number of problems with parking outside of school. Parents should NOT park on double yellow lines or yellow zig zags at drop off times. This is to ensure it is safe for our pupils to cross the road and enter school safely.

Parents should also avoid parking on pavements. We had an incident recently with a parent reversing up onto the pavement, narrowly missing hitting one of our children who luckily was pulled out of the way. Cars on pavements cause obstructions for wheelchairs and pushchairs, and opening doors are dangerous for pedestrians.

The school car park should also be left clear. Again, one of our staff cars was recently hit when a parent attempted to manoeuvre in an already congested parking area. Only Blue Badges and taxis are permitted into the school car park.

Our problems with car parking have once again been reported to police and are being passed to the Parking Enforcement Officers who will issue penalty notices.

## Football Winners!

Congratulations to our school football team who were victorious in their first round match of the Metro Cup. The team beat Ladybarn School 2-1 with a tremendous performance and Man of the Match was presented to Will. Well done to everyone involved.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

