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Thank You Manchester Airport!!

Last week we were lucky enough to be selected by Manchester Airport to be one of the schools on their list to visit for World Book Day.

Volunteers from the airport group came to read to each of the classes and share a bit of background about their work at the airport.

They read part of a book which was kindly left with the class teacher to complete. We are also grateful to WHSmith who, as part of this project, donated a book for every single child to take home. The children were delighted with their unexpected gift.



Reminder:

PTA Fish and Chip Bingo Night



There are a few tickets left for this very popular family evening. It is being held in two weeks time on Friday

29th March. Many of you have already purchased tickets using the School Website. Please log on to the Parent Area using the password you use for Parents Evening (they were recently re-issued by email). Any problems, please contact the school office who can assist.

A reminder to bring your cutlery for the evening - we are doing our best to significantly reduce the amount of plastic being thrown away at our school.



Book Mania!!

Mrs Lambert created a book frenzy with the finale of Book Mania. On World Book Day, the votes were counted for the favourite books in each class and the winners announced in assembly. Here are two of the winning books. The remaining winners can be seen on our Twitter feed: @EtchellsPS



Healthy Lifestyles Programme

As part of our work with City in the Community, we have been offered the opportunity to engage some of our families in their Healthy Lifestyle Programme. We have places for 10 families (1 adult and 1 child). The programme is a 6 week course designed to inspire and develop the overall lifestyle of participating families. With record levels of overweight children, the programme is designed to encourage children to make healthy choices from an early age, by supporting families to develop their skills and confidence when preparing and cooking meals.

Could this be of interest to you? Sessions will run after Easter on Fridays, from 9.30am to 11am. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis and are completely free of charge.

Please email me at:

headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk if you would like to participate, stating the name of the adult and the name and class of the child.



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Advice

It has been brought to our attention by the Local Authority that Stockport and other areas of Greater Manchester are experiencing increased levels of Measles. There are concerns that a number of children have not received their MMR vaccine. It is important to remember that Measles can be a serious disease and in the most severe cases can lead to liver infection, eye damage and meningitis. Please read the attached NHS leaflet for more information about measles and the MMR vaccine.

PTA Fundraising



This year the PTA are fundraising to help fund a brand new wooden trim trail to replace our rather old decaying one! We have grand plans for a really long challenging trail with new safe ground surfacing. The idea is to encourage physical activity at playtimes and lunchtime and to give opportunities for our pupils to be as active as possible. These projects are expensive however and so we are extremely grateful to the PTA for agreeing to pool the funds raised this year to contribute £5000. We have also been successful in securing a £10,000 bid from the Local Authority which is part of a fund allocated by the Government from the Sugar Tax that is now charged in supermarkets and restaurants. We will make up the rest from our school budget. It is a very exciting project and so we're extremely grateful to everyone who supports the PTA to enable this to happen. We are hoping installation will take place during the Whit Half Term.

If you would like to have a say in how future PTA monies are spent and projects to support school, please come along to the Open Meeting taking place on Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm at the Sangam Restaurant. This meeting is not about joining any committees - it is really to provide an opportunity for all parents to have their say. Please come along if you can.



Easter Orienteering



Please find attached to this newsletter details of a free family Easter orienteering event organised by Life Leisure. It is being held on Saturday 20th April from 10am to 12.30pm and is free of charge. No experience necessary (though our pupils do experience orienteering in school) - it's just for fun!

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

