

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Y5 in Castleton

Despite a wet and grey day with wind and sleet, Year 5 were able to overcome the conditions and got stuck into their three hour walk around Castleton in the Peak District. The overnight residential trip is part of the local geography study - we're very lucky to have such an interesting local area for us to visit and learn about. The children have also been gem panning and rocket building. Being away from home and spending time with school friends is also an important aspect of the PSHE curriculum and provides opportunities that are very different from being in school. My thanks to Mrs Collins for leading the trip, as well as Mr Cope, Mrs Kind, Miss Chappell, Mrs Gunn and Mrs Haastrup who have all given up their time to make the trip happen.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

### World Book Day Fun

It was great to have a different theme for our World Book Day celebration.

A fantastic range of objects

were brought into school which were shared in class circle times. Not only were the individual objects discussed, but missing items were placed in the playground for the children to find. The items really opened up discussion around the children's favourite books and kindled the curiosity and questions that we aim to encourage in our curriculum. Jenson and Mikael from RR found Mr Bump and a broom. They knew which stories they needed to be sent back to!!



## Get Your Bingo Tickets!

Tickets for the PTA Fish and Chip Bingo Night, taking place on Friday 29th March, are now for sale. You will need to go to the Parent Area of the website and log in in the same way you do for Parents' Evening. When you log in, select a pupil and then click payments. You will be able to order the food you would like and make payment on the website. Please see the letter from the PTA with full details regarding how to pay for tickets.

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## Summer Clubs

Booking for summer clubs will open on Monday next week at 4pm (11.03.19) and will close on Monday 22nd April. Please log on to <https://eduspot.co.uk> to make your booking and payment. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis. A letter will be sent home on Monday with details about each club, costs and timings. Please read all the information carefully before booking.

## Polite Request

As the afternoons and evenings are getting lighter, we are finding that some parents are staying on the school site after 3.15pm. Children are playing on the climbing frame and trim trail. All children need leave the school premises at 3.15pm and must not stay in the playground, even if accompanied by an adult. Kidzone take the children staying for After School Club outside and they need to ensure that their supervision and safeguarding of the children is not compromised. Please leave the playground promptly to allow us to lock the gates and keep the children safe.

## Stockport Schools Half Marathon

As part of a drive to promote healthy habits, physical activity, resilience, commitment, concentration, as well as



overall wellbeing and mental health, UKRunEvents are organising the Stockport Schools Half Marathon. This involves participants running the first twelve miles of the challenge at school and the final mile at Woodbank Stadium on Monday 1st July. Here they will get the full running event experience including race bibs, music, commentary, a fully marshalled route and a start & finish line gantry. As they cross the finish line wearing their Schools Half Marathon T-shirt, they will be presented with their Schools Half Marathon medal.

It is important to explain that this is not a race for the children and will not be chip timed or have prizes for the "fastest" children. It is an inclusive challenge where over a period of time they are developing new healthy habits to exercise regularly, under no pressure to compete and at the same time complete something as challenging as a Half Marathon which can be a wonderful confidence boost for everyone involved and a major achievement.

For more information please visit <https://www.schoolshalfmarathon.co.uk/>

We are really keen to enter a group of Key Stage 2 children into the event. Miss Pennill will be leading a Half Marathon Running Club for all those Y3 - 6 children who would like to take part, on Tuesday mornings, 8am to 8.45am. Each week, the children will run at least a mile and build up their distance to a total of 12 miles. The cost will be £12 for 8 sessions and the event itself. There are 12 places which will be offered on a first come first served basis and must be booked online in the same way as other clubs, from Monday next week.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff