

SCHOOL NEWS

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Sustrans Big Pedal 2019

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2019, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge. We are participating in the challenge from **1st - 5th April** and we would love for everyone to be involved. On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff **and parents** cycling, walking or scooting to school. It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling actively to school and is a simple way to boost their physical and mental health. If our participation is high enough we could be entered into a national draw for some great prizes.

On Friday 5th April, to celebrate the end of a successful week, we will also take part in the Sustrans Superhero Day. The children can come to school dressed as their favourite superhero; this gives every child the chance to be involved in the Big Pedal even if they don't



cycle, walk or scoot to school. We are asking for a voluntary donation of a pound to put towards a bike and scooter shelter for school. The PTA will also make a contribution to this project.

Last Chance for Fish and Chip Bingo Tickets!!!



A letter will be coming home today to give parents the option to buy fish and chip bingo tickets using a paper slip and cash return. The evening is a really fun family event and is suitable for Reception children right up to Year 6. Younger children are welcome to come along too.

There will be lots of Easter Egg prizes up for grabs so don't miss out! If you haven't had the chance yet, please get your ticket orders to the PTA by 4pm on Wednesday next week. There is still the option to pay online through the school website or the school spider app (see below).

School Spider App



You may not be aware that it is possible to download an App which is directly linked to the content of our school website. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for School Spider. Download the App and then select Etchells. This gives you quick access to newsletters, calendar events, photos, as well as the parent log-in area where you can make payments for the PTA and book Parents Evenings.



Y6 First Aid Training



Year 6 have had a very busy day today learning all about the basics of First Aid. Millie's Trust have done their usual fantastic job of delivering the training and have given our pupils a memorable, hands on learning experience. First Aid is an important part of our PSHE curriculum and an essential life skill going forward.

Summer Term Clubs

There are still a few spaces in all the clubs for the Summer Term. Please log on to <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney> to book your child's place and pay. We have been able to create an additional football session due to popular demand.

The netball club which is running on Monday mornings at 8am has had very little uptake and will not be viable to run if no more bookings are made. It is a very low cost club, running at £2 for the whole term.

We have also had communication from the Didsbury Diamonds Cricket Academy who are promoting their girls only cricket club. Sessions run on a Monday at 5pm, starting at the end of April and will cost £5. Please note the club takes place at Didsbury Cricket Club, not at school. See attached flyer for more details.



Year 1 Visit to Staircase House

IH had a really successful trip to Staircase House in Stockport yesterday. The experience brought the learning about The Great Fire of London to life and the children learnt about Wattle and Daub, fire marks outside houses and they experienced writing with a quill and acting out the famous story. The trip built on all aspects of our 'Know - Explore - Communicate' curriculum and allowed the children to really immerse themselves in their learning. It will be visiting Staircase House next Thursday.



School Dinners

I would like to remind parents that dinner money should be paid one week in advance. If the monies are not paid then we will be chasing it up via text or phone call. This takes an unnecessary amount of time for the office staff and also leaves our own accounts in arrears. Please pay in advance - this can also be done half termly if it is easier.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

