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Sports Day will be taking place next week on Wednesday 22nd May.

All children need to bring a sunhat and water bottle, and come with suncream applied if it is a sunny day.

KS2: 9.30am

Children to come dressed in team colours, as advised by their teacher. Parents are welcome to stand or bring chairs to put around the outside of the track. Please do not go into the willow/tunnel outdoor learning area. There will be a parents' race so if you're in a competitive mood, come prepared!!

EYFS: 9.30am

Children to come dressed in sports clothes and parents can watch from outside the ball court area.

KS1: 1.30pm

Come to school dressed in sports clothes. Parents can watch from the edge of the field and follow their child's class round. Please do not enter the areas where the events are being held however.

Photos: parents are welcome to take photos, but please do not place pictures of other children on social media.

Travel Plan Questionnaire

We are currently working with a real focus on improving parking and travel arrangements for the journey to and from school. The yellow lines outside school have been taken up and re-marked. The council will be monitoring any parking on these lines very closely. Please take note of all the restrictions and the signposts giving information regarding this.

We are also in the process of updating our Travel Policy. We can't do this without your help! Attached to this newsletter, and sent home in bags today, is a short questionnaire for you to complete to give us information about how you travel and, most importantly, what can be improved. This is not a place to complain about parking, more to give us any practical suggestions you may have.

Please return the questionnaire to school by next Friday.



Although we have recently had a pedal or scoot to school week, I would like to bring to everyone's attention that next week is National Walk to School Week. Try parking your car a little further away and walking for 5 or 10 minutes. It really could make all the difference to not only the safety of pupils but our fitness and health too.



Freddy Fit

This week we had a visit from Freddy Fit who worked for most of the day with our Year 5, training them up to be lunchtime squaddies. Year 5 will be invited to apply for the role which involves organising sports activities and games for the younger pupils, and take over duties in September. A 'stress buster' session was also delivered to our Y6 at the end of the day - a great way to re-charge the batteries half way through the SATs.



Footballs in School

We are aware that a number of pupils are bringing in their own footballs from home. Unfortunately many of these are too heavy in weight to be used safely on the playground and ball court. We have softer, more appropriate balls in school and so will be returning all footballs not belonging to school. Please ensure these are not brought in in future. Thank you.



European Elections

The school will be used as a polling station next week for the European Elections. However, for reasons stated in the School News a couple of weeks ago, the school will be open. Please come to school as normal and at the usual time. There should be no absences linked to the election.

Reminders



Next Friday is our first PTA donation day. Please come with mad hair in exchange for a teddy. All donations are voluntary and all children can participate if they would like to. Thanks in advance for your generosity.



Please continue filling your eco-bricks! If you haven't started yet - it isn't too late! Please refer back to previous newsletters or google 'Eco-Brick' for some great tips.

Finally, a huge well done to our Year 2 and Year 6 children who have taken this week of testing in their stride. They really have done us proud with their attitudes, hard work, resilience and determination. Our Etchells Core Values have really helped them through a very challenging time. A tremendous effort from both pupils and staff!

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff



