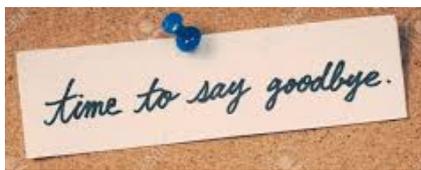


SCHOOL NEWS

This is the last newsletter of this academic year

Goodbyes and Welcomes!



As we come to the end of the school year we often have to say goodbye to staff and welcome others to Etchells.

This year we will be saying an extremely fond farewell to Mrs Salter who has been a Teaching Assistant at Etchells for 24 years. She has supported children from the Early Years up to Year 6 and has been wholly dedicated to her work, whether it's supporting classes and small groups or individual pupils. She has also been a valued member of the Mid-day Assistant team. Both staff and pupils will miss her enormously and we wish her happiness and enjoyment in her retirement.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Allaby who has been brilliant in her role covering Miss Gilham's maternity leave. She has fitted into the team and the Etchells ethos with ease and we will miss her energy and enthusiasm. We wish her well as she takes up a permanent post in a Stockport school.

In September, we will be welcoming back Miss Gilham to her role as Reception teacher. She has been in school on numerous occasions this term and has been part of the induction process for our new starters.

We will also be welcoming Miss Critchley and Mrs Barker to the Resource Base support team and Mrs Lee-Evangelinou who will be covering Miss Guerrieria's maternity leave from September.



Dates

Next Friday we will be breaking up for the summer holiday. **School closes at 2pm.** Please ensure arrangements are in place to pick up your child/children.

If you are registered with Kidszone, you will have received information regarding booking from 2pm. This needs to be organised directly with them.

Please note, all staff will be attending a meeting directly after school and there will be no supervision from teachers for children who have not been picked up.

In September we have two INSET days for the staff and so children will be returning on **Wednesday 4th September.**

Attendance

I am delighted to announce that we have achieved 96% attendance for the school year. Thanks to all the parents who have supported us with this. The highest class for this half term is 6W with an outstanding 98.8% and the overall highest attending class is 6R at 97.5% for the year. Both Y6 classes will be rewarded with a non-uniform day next Thursday.



Autumn Term Clubs

A letter regarding Extra Curricular Activities has been attached to this newsletter. We are introducing Design and Make Club for Y1/2; Art Club for Y3/4; Book Club for Y5/6; and Running and Netball for Y3-6. Bookings can now be made online and will be open until Friday 6th September. Please read the letter carefully for all the additional details and expectations.

The Etchells Curriculum

There has been a huge amount of work on developing the Etchells Curriculum this year. Providing a wide and stimulating curriculum will be a priority for Ofsted going forward and we are in a great position regarding this. We have been monitored by our School Improvement Partner from the Local Authority who commented about the positive features in regard to: "the planning, cohesion, delivery and assessment." He also stated that in regard to the Learning Intentions/Objectives set for every lesson that: "I know of no school who has managed to find the means to frame such precise and meaningful Learning Intentions". He praised the record keeping and assessment as well as the positive impact on staff morale, commitment and well being. He was also blown away by the enthusiasm and passion our staff have for their work. This was fantastic feedback after a year of hard work, innovation and new approaches.

School to School Work

I have been asked by the LA to continue with my work supporting other schools in the Authority. With Governors agreement, this will be taking place for three half days a week. Whilst I will be mostly carrying out this work at Etchells, Mrs Mallinson will be available in a leadership capacity. With Etchells doing so well at the moment not only with curriculum design but also key assessment data, it is a privilege to be able to share and disseminate our work further afield.

Oh What a Night...!

Our Year 6 children had a fantastic Leavers' Party last night. They looked absolutely great in all their finery and favourite outfits. We welcomed them in style, down the red carpet. Thank you to the parents for the generous donations of food and thank you to all the staff who came to see them in and helped behind the scenes. As well as the photo booth, diary room, chocolate fountain and cocktails, there were some impressive dance moves too - and not just from Mr Cope and



Final thanks to all our families, staff and governors for a hugely successful year. We wish Y6 all the very best in the next phase of their education. Have a very happy summer holiday.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

