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## **Thank You!!**

A massive thank you to all the Etchells' families and our fantastic PTA for a wonderful Summer Fair last week. There was a fantastic atmosphere and lots of community fun. I am delighted to announce that we raised almost £3000. This has been put together with the other monies raised this year to make a £5000 contribution to the newly installed trim trail.

We still have the hamper prize for the Programme draw. The winning ticket was **230** so please check the back of your programmes to see if you are the winner. The prize can be collected from the school office.

## **Photo Orders**



The deadline for returning orders for class photographs and leavers' portraits is **Monday 15th July at** 9.30am. The photos are

collected by the company after this time and so there will be NO late orders accepted at school. If the deadline is missed, you will be able to make your order directly with Academy Photography; this will be subject to an additional £6 charge for administration and postage.

## **Open Evening**

Next Tuesday (16th July), we will be holding our Celebration Open Evening from 5pm to 7pm. This is an informal drop in evening which gives parents the opportunity to visit the classroom with parents, look at work and talk with the class teacher. You will also be able to discuss the End of Year Report which has been sent home today. We also recommend you go and visit your child's class teacher for September and see the classroom they will be based in.

Book Fair: we will be holding the Book Fair on Monday after school and during the Open Evening on Tuesday, when it will be located in the hall.

School Uniform: new uniform will be on sale in the hall between 5pm and 7pm on Tuesday. It will also be available to buy from the school office until the end of term but we do ask that you avoid the busy times of 8.45- 9.30am and 2.45 - 3.25pm. The office will be open during the second INSET day on the 3rd September between 9am and 12n0on, but not during the rest of the week. Please ensure you have everything you need in advance.

#### End of Year Reports and Assessments

Your child will have brought home their End of Year Report today. If they have been in a key assessment year, you will also have details of how they have done. If you have any questions about these, please speak to the class teacher or myself during Open Evening next Tuesday.

I am absolutely delighted with how our children have done this year. In Reception 76% children reached GLD (Good Level of Development) compared to 72% nationally. 90% of our Year 1 children reached the expected standard in phonics, compared to 82% nationally. At the end of Key Stage 1 (Y2), the highlight was certainly reading, where 83% met the expected standard (76% nationally) and 36% achieved the Greater Depth Standard (26% nationally). At the end of Key Stage 2 (Y6) the stand out results were GPS (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling) where 86% children reached the expected standard (78% nationally) and a huge 50% achieved Greater Depth (34% nationally). In maths, 83% achieved expected and 24% GDS (79% nationally and 24% respectively at National)

We are absolutely delighted with these results as the improvements we have made align with our School Development Plan priorities for this year. The full set of results will be published on the website in September, when they have been fully confirmed.

My congratulations to the children and the staff for their amazing hard work, dedication and resilience in achieving these outcomes, whilst at the same time developing an exciting and challenging wider curriculum.

#### Leavers' Party

We are looking forward to the big party on Thursday. Y6 need to arrive around 5.45pm and assemble in the car park where pre-party photos will be taken. Parents are welcome to stay and watch them make an entrance down the red carpet.

Please come into the hall at 7.55pm to pick up.

### **The Kingsway School links**



Our Year 6 children visited The Kingsway School this morning to take part in Art, Computing and Science workshops. They thoroughly enjoyed

themselves and are now getting closer to that step up to High School. Our thanks again to The Kingsway for yet again providing excellent transition and link projects for our pupils.



Kind regards, Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff