

SCHOOL NEWS

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Head Girl and Boy

I am delighted to announce that our Head Girl and Boy for this Autumn are Aroush and Jarrod. They had to give a pre-election speech and convince their peers that they would do a good job. Knowing both these pupils, I am sure they will do an excellent job of representing Etchells, being good role models and carrying out important jobs for the term.



Parents' Meetings

Parents' meetings will be taking place next Thursday. The first session will start at 5pm and the second at 6pm. The meetings will be held in one of the Year group classrooms. Please note, children are not permitted to attend due to lack of space in classrooms and no supervision in corridors. If you are unable to make any of these sessions, the PowerPoints will be made available on the class pages of the school website.

Due to the longer length of the Reception meetings, the first meeting will be held at 9am on the same Thursday in the hall. The second, at 5pm, will be in the Reception classroom.

PTA Nominations



This week your child will have received letters regarding signing up for the PTA and the AGM (Annual General Meeting) taking place next

Thursday at 7pm, here at school. If we are unable to fill the committee vacancies of Chair and Secretary, the PTA will be unable to continue. Please sign up and seek a nomination if you think you can give us some time, even if just for a year. The roles are fully supported by myself and school staff, as well as parents who have previously held the posts.

It would be such a shame to lose the PTA as not only do they arrange several very enjoyable community events, they also raise money for the school to purchase those 'extras' which can't be funded by our ever tightening school budget. If you have any questions, please email the PTA and I'm sure they will be able to assist. Please return any forms to the school office by Monday next week. pta@etchells.stockport.sch.uk

Kingsway Roadshow on Monday!

A reminder that the Headteacher of The Kingsway School will be visiting Etchells on Monday afternoon with other senior members of staff. The session is for Year 5 and 6 parents and will take place in 6W's classroom from 3.30pm, finishing at 4.30pm at the latest. The head will outline the vision for The Kingsway, the deputy will discuss FAQs and there will be opportunity for you to ask questions too.



Parent Council

For the past few years we have run a Parent Council which has been an invaluable way to seek parental voice. We have also used the Council to answer quick queries about practices in school as well as address concerns. The approach we have to homework at present was the result of a year's consultation with Parents - we tried out approaches, made tweaks and responded to feedback until we arrived at the format we now work with.

We ask for a Parent rep from each class. Some parents have set up dedicated email addresses or Facebook pages to gather questions and comment from parents to bring to the table. We meet at 4.45pm until 5.45pm on a day to suit the majority.

We need at least 6 parent reps to make the council viable. Unfortunately we were not able to form a Parent Council last year due to lack of interest. If you would like to put yourself forward, please email me directly at headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk stating your child's name and class, as well as the best days for you to attend meetings. It would be great to get back up and running for 2019-20.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school from Wednesday 25th September to Tuesday 1st October. Books will be on sale in the library area from 3.30pm to 4pm. The fair will also be open during the Parents' Meeting sessions next Thursday. We have some Book Fair vouchers to give away and so Miss le Couteur has organised a competition for the children to enter. See below for details:

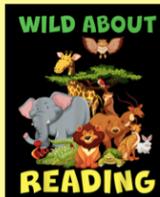
BOOK FAIR POSTER COMPETITION!

Design a poster to encourage other children to read!

Make your design bright, eye-catching and exciting!

Entries to Miss le Couteur by **Tuesday 24th September!**

Ensure your poster has your name and class on the back!



PRIZES:

Overall winner: £25 voucher to spend at next week's book fair!

Lucky runners-up from KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 will each win a £5 voucher!

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CANCER SUPPORT

A reminder that we will be supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 27th September. For those who haven't attended this event, it is a very informal opportunity to meet in the school hall, buy a drink and a cake and chat with friends. The children will also be coming to the hall during the morning for a biscuit and squash. If they would like to buy a cake please send them in with an appropriate donation.

For nursery and reception any money should be put in an envelope and given to the class teacher.

To hold the coffee morning however, we need cakes! If you are able to bake a cake, cupcakes or a traybake and can donate them to the this amazing cause, we would really appreciate your efforts. Shop bought treats are also fine. Please bring donations to the hall before the start of the school day on Friday. The hall will be open from 9am until 11am. Come and join us if you can!

A reminder that all doctors and dentist appointments need to be booked outside of the school day. This week we have had an unprecedented number of pupils leaving school early for appointments which is extremely disruptive.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff