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Parent Governor Vacancy



The Board of Governors is a key element of the Leadership and Management of the school. It is made up of representatives from the community, parent body as well as some from a little further afield who are interested in supporting the school in this role. We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and today your child will be bringing home a nomination form and a letter from our Chair of Governors, Mr Choudry. If you would like any further information about the role please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Mr Choudry, using the headteacher email.

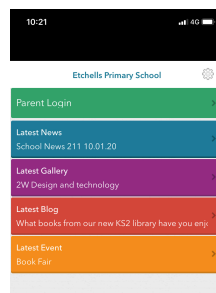
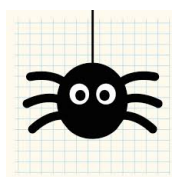
All nomination forms need to be returned to school by Tuesday 4th February. If there is more than one nomination we will then hold a parental ballot and all families will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred candidate.

Parents' Evening

Just a reminder that Parents' Evening is being held on Monday 3rd February and Thursday 6th February. If you haven't already, please book through the Parent log-in on the [School Website](#). You will find the access in the top left corner of the home page:



The Parent Log-in does not seem to appear on the mobile version of the website; we have our website support looking into this. They have, however, stressed that the most effective way to access Parent-log on your mobile is through the App. If you do not have this,



please download the SchoolSpider App and choose 'Etchells Primary' from the given list. This is what the icon looks like and when you open the app you will have a contents page like this (see left). The app also gives you a quick link to the weekly newsletter and the school calendar.



Out in the Community

This week our Y5 and Nursery children have enjoyed being out and about, extending and enriching their learning.

☀ Year 5 visit Manchester Cathedral

As part of the art curriculum, 5R went to Manchester to work with an artist to produce work celebrating the 600th anniversary of the cathedral. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop drawing skills and use frames to create observational pieces. Many thanks to Manchester Airport for supporting the funding for this opportunity and making the community links. 5Ro will be participating on the 3rd February.



☀ Nursery visit Smithy Croft

Yesterday our Nursery children went to Smithy Croft and had a lovely time chatting and sharing books.



Book Fair



We will be holding the Book Fair in the school library from Thursday 30th January to Wednesday 5th February, 3.30pm - 4pm. This time there is an incredible offer where all books are HALF PRICE! This is a fabulous opportunity to buy a book for your child which they can keep at home.

Reading continues to be regarded as the most valuable shared learning activity you can do with your child at home and is one of the most effective ways you can boost your child's progress. Buying books and reading for fun is also important and the Book Fair provides the ideal opportunity for this.

For every book purchased, the school will receive some commission which is used to buy new books for both our libraries. Please support the Book Fair if you can!

World Book Day 2020



After listening to parent feedback last year, we will be inviting the children to dress up for World Book Day. It is a while off yet, but you may want to note the date so you have lots of advance notice. We will be sending out further ideas nearer the time, and do of course stress that costumes do not need to incur costs. If your child would prefer not to dress up, they can bring in an object that relates to a book of their choice.

Kind regards,
Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

