

SCHOOL NEWS

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR

Goodbyes

The last week of the summer term is often a time for goodbyes. Not only do we say goodbye to Year 6 and wish them every success in their move to High School, we also say goodbye to a number of staff.

We wish Mrs Fumagalli all the very best in her move to a teaching post in Thailand and know that she will have a great adventure! We will miss not only her fantastic expertise in English but also her commitment and dedication to the Limelight Drama Club. Her skills in bringing out the best in children on the stage will be greatly missed.

We also say farewell to Mrs Hughes who has been a key member of our Early Years team for a long time. She has done a fantastic job in Year 1 this year and we will miss her smiley face and sunny personality.

Mrs Aldred will also be moving on and we appreciate all her hard work, firstly covering the maternity leave of Mrs Hughes in Year 1 and then the absence cover in Y4. We hope to see her back at Etchells before too long!

End of the year!

We are almost at the end of another year and this week has been busier than ever! A huge well done needs to be given to the Y6 pupils and the staff for an amazing production of 'Grease' on Tuesday. I would also like to thank everyone who came to the Open Evening on Wednesday to celebrate the work of the children and to meet the next teachers. Last night marked one of the final leaving events for Y6 when they arrived at school in all their finery for the Y6 prom. They were greeted with red carpet treatment and they certainly knew how to strike a pose for the cameras! They had a fantastic evening and many thanks to all those who helped in different ways.

We also celebrated the achievement of the winning house team this week with a fun packed morning on the school field! Staff organised water fights, bouncy castle, gladiators, as well as the chance to go in the ice-cream van to prepare their own ice-cream! The children loved the new format of the reward day and had a fantastic time. Next year, we are going to move away from the house point format and devise a more individual way to reward all the children who have had excellent behaviour through the year. We will keep you posted about this in September.

Questionnaires

Could I please remind anyone who is still intending to complete the end of year questionnaire who hasn't yet done so, to send it in before the end of term. Your comments and feedback are extremely important to us and make up the element of Parental Voice that we use to plan developments for the school.



More Goodbyes...

One of our fantastic Teaching Assistants, Mrs Thompson, who has been such valuable support in Year 1, will be leaving us to pursue a new venture in Higher Education. We wish her every success in this and know that she will have the opportunity to maximise her creative talent.

We also would like to say thank you to Mrs Best who is leaving her role as Mid-day assistant, but will continue to work in the school as part of the cleaning team.

We will be welcoming a number of new staff to the school and I know some of you had the opportunity to meet them at Open Evening. I will make introductions in September and year groups will be introducing their staff teams in their Autumn newsletters.

Eid

We would like to wish all our Muslim families a very happy Eid and hope you enjoy the celebrations. Thank-you to the parents who came in to assist with making Eid cards; the children were delighted with them, though I think we may have to stock up on glitter!! If your child was absent today due to Eid please send in a brief letter on Monday to explain the absence so it can be added to our records. Many thanks.



School Uniform

The school office will be open on Tuesday 1st September to sell uniform. (school is not open to children on this day) Please note, uniform will NOT be available to buy on Wednesday 2nd September which is the first day back for children.

HELP NEEDED!!!

Our much needed project to replace the current mobile building in the summer term is going full steam ahead. We will be emptying the building next week in readiness for its removal. This will involve moving tables and chairs into the main building, but we also have a container arriving in which we will store larger furniture and furniture from the staff room (3A will temporarily be located there). We are asking for any parents who are available and feeling strong (!) if they could come and help us on Wednesday after school to move some of our larger items into the container. Your help would be very much appreciated.



Governors' Newsletter

Early next week we will be emailing the governors' newsletter. It really helps to communicate the work of the governors in school and so I urge you to read it. We will text to let you know when it has been sent.



School Meals

Next week a letter will come home regarding school meals. This is particularly important for Y2 parents who will no longer be entitled to Infant Free School Meals.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 6 parents all the best as they enter a new phase in their child's education. We have valued all your support and will look forward to hearing about the successes of your child as they progress through their time at High School.

Have a very enjoyable holiday, keep safe, rest well and we look forward to seeing everyone raring to go on September 2nd at 8.50am.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

