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After School Clubs

As our building work nears completion, we are now able to plan for our extra-curricular clubs for after half term. Due to limited space in the hall and the field being used by the contractors, we have been unable to run them this half term. Many thanks for your patience and bearing with us on this. Bookings for clubs will open on Monday 12th October at 7am. Outdoor clubs will run for 4 weeks only due to fading light. Please remember that each child can apply for a maximum of 2 clubs. Choir can be booked as an extra. Here's what will be on offer:

Day	Club	Led by	Year Groups	No of weeks	Cost
Monday	Multi Skills	J. Williams	Y2,3,4,5,6	4	£16
Tuesday	Football	J. Williams	KS2	4	£16
	Football	Man City	KS1	4	£16
	Karate	P. Ferris	KS2	6	£24
Wednesday	Gymnastics	Life Leisure	KS1/2	6	£24
	Lego	Academy of Fun	Year 3	6	£32.40
Thursday 8.15am	Choir	C. Beddows	Y2,3,4,5,6	6	No charge
Thursday 3.15pm	Badminton	Life Leisure	Y3/4	6	£24
Friday	Dodge ball	Life Leisure	Y5/6	6	£24
	Street Dance	Dancing Days	KS2	6	£24

New Clubs

Lego

This club involves a series of building workshops designed to develop problem solving, creativity and team work. Each week a different theme will be explored and models built from the large lego collection brought in for the club. At the end of the club, children will be able to keep a custom built model of their choosing. This is open to Y3 first and then we hope to offer it to other year groups in turn.

Choir

This can be done as an additional club - we will be singing Christmas songs for the Christmas fair during next half term.



- ✔ An amazing £319.37 was raised last Friday at our Macmillan coffee morning. Thanks to all who came and donated - a tremendous effort.
- ✔ The PTA AGM will be held on Monday at 3.30pm. Please come along if you can. We are looking for people to join the committee and to help out with new ideas. We will be looking at how we want to spend the PTA funds and deciding on a focus for fund raising for the coming year.
- ✔ Reminder: Robinwood (Y6 residential) children and parents' information evening is being held this coming Thursday at 3.30pm in the Y6 classroom. Come along and meet the staff and have any questions answered.
- ✔ Our calculation policy and marking policy (which is called 'The Etchells Way'), are both available to read on our website. We hope you will recognise the improvements in children's books at Parents Evening and see how the policy has been implemented.

Parents' Evening

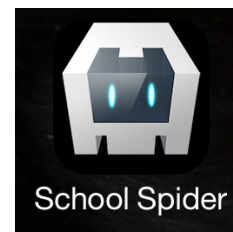
Last year, we introduced an autumn parents' evening in order for parents and teachers to meet individually and discuss the start pupils have made since September. This gives you the opportunity to address any questions or issues early on in the term, as well as see the impressive work done by your children so far. We had extremely good feedback regarding this last year and so it will now take place every year, the penultimate week of the first half term. The exact dates this year are Wednesday 14th October until 7pm and Thursday 15th October until 6pm.

Appointments need to be booked online. Please go to <https://etchells.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. This will be available from 7am on Monday 5th October.

Website App

It is now possible to download from the App Store/Play an App which is linked to our website. You need to search for 'School Spider', download and then select our school.

The App will give you immediate access to the latest newsletters, calendar dates, recent photos and blogs. We will not be using the messaging aspect of the App at this stage as texting remains our main point of immediate communication.



Local Authority Visit

Last week we were visited by School Improvement Advisors from the Local Authority as well as our school partner, Michelle Murray, head of Gatley Primary School. Along with myself, they visited all the classrooms in school, looked at children's books and talked to pupils. The feedback was extremely positive, stating how well the children were learning, the level of challenge they were experiencing and also how thoroughly pupils are responding to marking and feedback in order to move their learning forward. The overall comment made praised the purposeful learning ethos which is now evident through the school.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

