

# SCHOOL NEWS

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### Parent Council

I am delighted that 6 parents have put themselves forward for the Parent Council. This means it is viable to go ahead with our meetings for this year. There are still vacancies in the following classes:

Nursery	3A
RR	4M
1CF	5LC & 5W
2W	6L

If you would like to join us still, but haven't got around to putting your name forward, please do so before half term. The parent reps will be contacting classes with their contact details in order for you to put your issues for discussion forward. If you don't have a class rep you are welcome to email me directly, indicating that you would like to add an item to the agenda. I would like to propose that during the first meeting, which I hope will take place during the first week after half term, we discuss our Breakfast and After School Club. I would welcome your thoughts and ideas about how we can improve this increasingly popular provision.

### Club Update

To make it fair for all parents who find it difficult to get online during a working day morning, we have decided to open up the club bookings from 7am on Sunday morning. No time is going to suit everyone for all sorts of reasons, but we hope this works for the majority.

I am delighted to welcome Mr Jardine to our support staff team. He has been supporting in Y6 over the last few weeks and we have recently appointed him to work in our Resource Base, supporting individual children. He is very keen to start up a chess club as an extra curricular activity and so without hesitation, I have booked him in to run the club for Years 5 and 6 on Wednesdays after school. If the places are not taken up by these year groups, we will open it up to Years 3 and 4.

Some parents have expressed disappointment that the Lego builders club is only available to Y3. If our first 6 week run of this club is a success, we will open it up to Y4, 5 and 6 for the following terms.

Once you have made your booking, please forward payment for clubs by Friday 16th October. If the place you have reserved is not paid for by this date, it will be opened up to other children during the last week of this half term.



## Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents who have made an appointment for Parents' Evening next week. This is an extremely important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and to find out how they are doing and the progress they are making. You will also be able to look at their English and Maths books, along with the 'Foundation' book. This is a new book that we have introduced; it contains work completed for all the other subjects. We hope you will see how the marking in your children's books is moving on their learning and addressing misconceptions. We expect to see lots of corrections and improvements made by the children in their pupils pens, as this indicates a good level of challenge.

### Important information for Mr Malone's class:

As the Y6 children are temporarily based in one classroom, Mr Malone will be meeting parents of his pupils in my office. The children's work will be available to view on a table outside the door.

As ever, I will be available to talk to during both parents' evenings. If I am not in the corridor areas please find me in the main school office. Just let me know if you would like to talk confidentially.

My I remind parents that the consultations are for parents ONLY. Last parents' evening this wish was respected by the vast majority - thank you. It is important that teachers can talk to you with full concentration about your children; we have previously found that having children in attendance can be distracting. We do not allow children to remain unsupervised in the main corridor. Please respect this request. Thank you.

## Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair during next week. The fair will be open after school from Wednesday 14th October until Monday 19th. The fair will also remain open for the duration of each of the parents evenings, but this will be for parents only as children are not expected to attend. However, children can visit the fair with parents everyday after school until 3.45pm. For every book bought, commission is paid to the school. This is exchanged for new reading books for the children, so please support us if you can. We have gone with a different company this time and hope they offer a better selection of quality texts than previously.

## Learn English!

Interested in improving your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in English? Please see the attached poster for an excellent opportunity to join a 'Talk English' course, starting on 22nd October from 9.30 - 1pm, at the Castle Learning Centre in Edgeley.

## Y5 Residential

The Y5 staff have been busy organising a residential trip to Castleton. This will take place next summer. In order to find out more about this trip, please come to an information meeting on Wednesday 21st October at 3.30pm. I am hoping we may be able to hold the meeting in one of the new classrooms, but will confirm this next week.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

