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Welcome Back

It has been fantastic to welcome back all of our pupils to school and to feel the buzz of learning and activity in our classrooms again. I would also like to welcome all our new parents in Nursery and Reception, as well as our numerous new starters throughout school.

For those of you who are new to us, this newsletter will be emailed to you every Friday, providing updates, key information and celebrations. It is always posted on the bottom left hand corner of the school website homepage; previous editions can be found under the 'school info' tab.

The school website should contain all the information you may need. Please refer to it for holiday dates, school dinner menus, school uniform orders, curriculum information and every class has their own page with relevant information too.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Crompton (Y6) and Mr Redmond (Y5) to the teaching team.

Communications

During Lockdown families were able to communicate with the class teacher through ClassDojo. Now we are all back at school, Dojo will not be used in this way and messages will not be checked on a regular basis. Please use the Key Phase email addresses if you would like to make contact with your teacher. A member of the Senior Leadership team will pick up your message and pass it on. Anything

urgent for the same day should come through the school office by telephone. We had a few teething problems with the emails at the beginning of term but please be assured these have now been resolved.

Key Phase email addresses		SLT member
eyfs@etchells.stockport.sch.uk	Nursery and Reception	Mrs Revill
ks1@etchells.stockport.sch.uk	Years 1 and 2	Mrs Collins
lks2@etchells.stockport.sch.uk	Years 3 and 4	Mrs Mallinson
uks2@etchells.stockport.sch.uk	Years 5 and 6	Mr Cope

This term, class newsletters and homework sheets will be emailed to parents instead of a paper copy being sent home. Please keep an eye out for them next week. They will also be placed on the class pages on the school website.

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Return to School Arrangements

- **Dropping off:** we are really pleased with how dropping off has improved throughout the week. The children are able to enter school without waiting or congestion. Some parents, however, are dropping their children off very early and sending them into school. There may not be a teacher in the classroom to supervise them so we ask that drop off times are adhered to.
- **Picking up:** we have had a number of children this week who have been picked up extremely late. Due to our bubble arrangements, children cannot be brought to the office to wait and teachers are not available to supervise children after 3.15pm. It is vitally important, for the safety of everyone, that children are picked up on time.
- **Bags in School:** some children are coming to school with very large rucksacks. This is not allowed. Cloakrooms are currently out of use and space is extremely limited in classrooms. The only items your child should be bringing to school are a water bottle, reading book and if needed, a lunch box. These should be brought in a **small** bag
- **Important: School Lunches:** we have found it impossible to get Years 1 to 6 through the hall in separate year groups to eat a hot dinner in 90 minutes. Next week Reception will be having their hot dinners too. We are dedicated to keeping to our bubble arrangements and so cannot mix year groups in the hall. Therefore, from Monday 21st September, KS2 (years 3-6), will have a cold grab bag provided for their school lunch. It will be brought to the classroom by the bubble Mid Day Assistant and the whole class will eat their lunches together. This will allow more time for Reception, Year 1 and 2 to eat their dinners in the hall. The grab bags will typically contain a sandwich, pudding, piece of fruit and a drink. If you would rather provide a packed lunch, please let the school office know by the end of the day on Monday (14th). It's worth noting that some local schools are providing cold grab bags only, but we felt strongly that we wanted to continue to provide hot lunches for EYFS and KS1. My thanks to Dawn Unwin in the kitchen for agreeing to this arrangement.

Other reminders.....

- ✓ School uniform is to be ordered via schooluniforms@etchells.stockport.sch.uk Please don't email the admin address. Information about school uniform can be found on the school website: <http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk/page/uniform-information/79958>
- ✓ If you are leaving a message on the school voicemail for absence, please leave a specific reason for the absence ie. telling us what is wrong if your child is unwell
- ✓ We are still awaiting guidance around the 2 residential trips we have planned for Y5 and Y6. As soon as we hear from the Local Authority, we will provide further information

COVID-19 Information

Please find attached a very useful guide for parents advising you what to do if your a child or a family member develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. It is important that if your child has a high temperature of above 37.8 degrees, a new continuous cough or a loss of taste/smell, they must not come to school. If they develop these symptoms whilst at school they will be sent home.

Next week, I will provide parents with a summary of our School Risk Assessment for COVID-19. This has been updated at the beginning of September and is awaiting Governor approval next Tuesday.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells staff

