

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## EU Referendum

You will have heard in the news that David Cameron has called an EU referendum on **23rd June 2016**. We have been instructed by the Local Authority that the school will be used for voting and we have to ensure there is enough space, privacy and access to allow this to be done safely. Therefore we will have to use the hall which will result in the school being closed for children that day. The fundamental reason for this is safeguarding; while we have members of the public in the building and using the various entrances, we cannot have children in the same vicinity. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause and hope you understand that this situation has been forced upon us.

We will however remain open for the May local elections due to the significantly lower turnout for these; we can contain the voting in the staff room. This area of the school will be isolated for the day.

## Nursery Hours

After consultation with parents, we have decided that from September 2016, the nursery will be offering places on a two and a half day basis. The options will be all day Monday and Tuesday, with Wednesday morning or Wednesday afternoon with all day Thursday and Friday. There is more information on the school website.

## Parents Evening

If you have not made an appointment to meet with your child's teacher next week you can still log on to:

<https://etchells.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

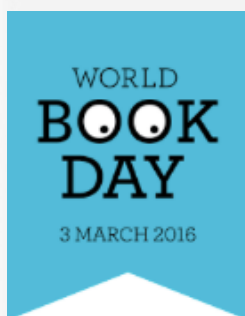
Today you will receive your child's mid-term report in an envelope. Please read this carefully and bring it with you to your appointment. We hope these reports are useful in informing you about your child's attainment and end of year targets. You will also find guidance on how to support your child at home. Please ask the teacher if you need further clarification about this.

## Scooters and Bikes

Please could I remind all children and parents that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the school premises; this includes the side passages leading on to the playground. We had a collision last week involving a bike and a pedestrian and do not want this to happen again. Please dismount your bike or scooter at the school gate. Many thanks.



## World Book Day



World Book Day will be taking place next Thursday. This year we have decided not to dress up for the event. Instead we will be using the day to launch the Book Factor. This is an initiative created by the Simply Books bookshop in Bramhall.

Books are revealed to the classes and over the coming weeks, the pupils will be reading them either in groups, as a class reader or individually. In May, the children vote for their favourite book. The project culminates with a trip to Stockport Plaza for some of the children where they will make a presentation to the audience about the books they have been studying. It is a fantastic initiative to be involved in and supports our increased focus on reading as a school. Due to numbers, the Book Factor does not involve children in Y3 or Y6, but they will be holding their own similar activities.

Also to mark World Book Day, we will be holding a book fair in school. We are using the Travelling Book company again as they offer a good selection of books at reasonable prices. The book fair will be open in the entrance hall after school from Wednesday next week until the following Tuesday. Books can be purchased between 3.15 and 3.45pm. All commission earned from the selling of books is used directly to buy new books for the children in school.

World Book Day vouchers with a value of £1 will be sent home with every child next Wednesday. They can be used to put towards a purchase from the book fair that is £2.99 or over or in many other book shops.

## Important Dates

- \* Sport relief: dress up in sports gear for a minimum £1 donation on Friday 18th March (voluntary)
- \* Y4 parents' information session regarding the Y5 (2017) one night residential in Castleton: Friday 4th March 3.30pm. Children can attend
- \* Y2 parents' information evening regarding the upcoming SATs assessments. We will let you have the date for this next week
- \* PTA fish and chip bingo evening: Friday 18th March: letter sent home today with information about booking tickets. A copy can also be found on the PTA page of the website

I look forward to seeing many of you next week at Parents' Evening

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the  
Etchells staff

