

SCHOOL NEWS

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Date Change for Sports Day!!

We have realised that the school photographer is booked for Wednesday 22nd June. Unfortunately this is also the day we have on the calendar for Sports Day. As the photographers are booked well in advance for this time of year, it will be Sports Day that we will have to move. As we had pencilled in the 29th June for the reserve date, we will now make this our official Sports Day date. In the event of rain, Wednesday 6th July will be our reserve date.

To summarise:

- ◆ Class photos: Wed 22nd June
- ◆ Sports Day: Wed 29th June
- ◆ Reserve Sports: Wed 6th July

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

MP Visit

Today we had a visit from Mary Robinson, our local MP for Cheadle. She was shown around the school by our head boy and girl and then had a questions and answers session with Y5. I am hoping they might start a new blog on the website and tell us some of the answers she gave to their questions!



Fish and Chip Bingo

I was delighted to hear that the majority of tickets for the Fish and Chip Bingo night have been sold!! We have around 20 tickets left so if you are still intending on coming, please send your form to the school office asap. It looks set to be a really fun evening!

Y2 SATs Information Session

Last week I mentioned that we would be holding an information session for parents regarding Y2 SATs. This will be held on Monday 14th March at 3.30pm. Please come along and find out about the important assessments taking place for your child after Easter.



Dodgeball at Kingsway

All Primary Schools in England receive an amount of money in their budgets called the Sports Premium Grant. This was introduced after the Olympic Games in 2012 and is aimed to promote sport, participation in clubs and to improve teachers skills in the delivery of PE and games. We have used the money to pay for staff training in gym, dance and currently Manchester City are coming in every Wednesday to work with the teachers and classes on a rota basis, delivering football in games lessons. We also look to widen sporting opportunities for the children too. An example of this is a group of Year 5 children who will be going up to Kingsway next Friday to play in an inter-schools Dodgeball competition. They will be accompanied by Mrs Chappell and one of our PE leaders, Miss Laurie.

Secondary School Places

All Y6 children should have received notification this week regarding their allocated place at secondary school. Please make sure you confirm your place by the date stated on your letter of offer. If you don't do this, it may be offered to someone else on the waiting list.

The head at Kingsway tells me that a smaller than usual number of children from Etchells applied for first choice places there. We would be really interested to hear from Y6 parents about what may have influenced your choice. Mrs Lowe has asked for honest feedback and would like to know if there is anything she could address for next year. I have set up a forum on the parents area of the website. Please leave your comments there or email me directly. Many thanks - your feedback is much appreciated.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the last week of term. Parents often ask us what they can do with uniform that their children have grown out of but is still in good condition. We will be sending out details of when uniform can be dropped off at school and will confirm the actual date of the sale shortly. If anyone can help out to sort the donated items or to man the stall in the last week of term, please let the PTA know. In the meantime, if you can gather together any items of uniform (PE kits, jumpers, cardigans, dresses etc) and ensure they are clean and in a good state, we would be very grateful.

Parents' Maths Information Evening



In response to parental feedback, we will be holding a Parents' Information session around our new calculation policy. We will show the methods we use to teach calculation and outline how this progresses through school. You will have the chance to see practical examples for each year group and ask questions and discuss with staff. It will be a really useful and informative session - please attend if you can. It is being held on Wednesday 23rd March at 3.30 - 4.30pm in the school hall. Please note, gym club will be cancelled that afternoon.

Thank you to all those who attended Parents' Evening this week. Please leave your feedback on the headteachers' blog on the homepage of the website.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

