

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## A Roman Centurion visits Etchells!!



Year 4 had their history topic brought to life this week with a visit from a Roman Centurion. They were able to dress up in Roman clothes, handle artefacts such as weapons and chain mail and extend their learning through drama and role play. They are now expert in creating attacking formations such as the 'Tortoise'! Please see class web pages for more photos.

## Open Morning for Prospective Parents:

**Thursday 15th December 9.30am**

We held an open morning last week for parents with children starting Nursery or Reception in September 2017. This was hugely popular and so we have decided to hold a further opportunity to visit our school before the Reception application closing date of 15th January 2017. Please spread the word.

## Clubs

A letter will be sent home and online booking made available on Monday for Spring term clubs. Outdoor clubs will resume again after Easter. All clubs must be booked and paid for via the SchoolMoney website. This time there will be a nominal £2 charge for choir and chess club in order to cover basic costs for music and resources. This will cover the whole term.

## Nursery and Reception

As a result of such a fantastic Ofsted judgement for the Early Years, we have had a large number of schools wanting to visit us to see our provision. Yesterday we held a 'Learning Walk' after school so other Stockport colleagues could talk to staff and see what we do. We were visited by twenty schools in total! One visitor said in her feedback: *"Thank you - very helpful - lots of ideas and inspiration. You have very lucky children!"* Etchells is currently a school held in very high regard with the Local Authority. We have also had a visit from the Director of Education in Stockport and on Monday we'll be welcoming the Head of School Improvement. We are very proud to welcome visitors to the school and share our high quality provision.



The PTA have 2 tickets for this year's Key 103 Christmas Live concert. As the event is taking place on the same evening as the Christmas Fair, we are unable to add them to the raffle. As this is such a great prize (I've

heard Robbie Williams has been confirmed as part of the line up!), we will be holding a separate raffle for these tickets. These will be on sale alongside the Santa tickets before and after school at the hall playground door. The winner will be drawn next Friday lunchtime and be announced in the School News next week.

## Visit Santa at the Christmas Fair

To avoid long queues at the fair, the PTA will be selling Santa tickets in advance.

Children will ONLY be able to visit Santa with pre-bought tickets - timings are very tight and we are unable to 'squeeze' anyone in. Tickets will be sold on a 'first come first served' basis and you will be given a 15 minute time slot to come down to the grotto. Tickets will be sold next week, before and after school, from the hall playground door. Please note, they will not be available from the school office.



## Help needed for the Christmas Fair!!

We have had lots of people offering to help with the fair - thank you. However, we do not yet have enough helpers to enable us to run all the stalls that we would like. We only need half an hour of your time! If you can lend a hand please contact the PTA via the Facebook page or your class rep.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the  
Etchells staff

## Christmas Performances

### Nursery and Reception Nativity

The EYFS Nativity will be taking place on Wednesday 7th December at 10am. There will be one performance this year involving all the children!! You will have had tickets sent home earlier this week. Due to our restriction on fire regulations, we are only able to issue 2 tickets per family. Please respect this - if additional family members turn up they will not be admitted. Toddlers and babies will be allowed on knees, but if they become upset we ask that they are taken out of the hall as this is very distracting for our performers. Please avoid bringing buggies due to the lack of space!

### Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

Y1 and 2 will be performing on 13th (parents only) and 14th December (families). Information regarding tickets will be sent home next week.

### Other Year Groups

Year 5 will be presenting their carol service at the United Reform Church at 6pm on Wednesday 14th December.

Year 3 will be singing Christmas songs and carols to the residents of Smithy Croft. Please note, this isn't a performance for parents.

Year 3, 4 and 6 will be putting on performances or assemblies later in the year.

## Match Attax cards

Please note these cards (and other varieties) have now been banned from school. This is due to cards going missing and the upset this causes.

