

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Sports Day

As you are aware, our Sports Day will be taking place next Wednesday morning. We would like to remind everyone that Nursery and Reception children should come to school in PE/Sports kit of their choice and children in Years 1 to 6 should come also in sports kit but wearing the colour of their house. They will know what colour this is! They will need an extra drink that day and suncream already applied. The children can stay in their own clothes for the rest of the day - no school uniform will need to be brought to school.

## Dates on the website

We have had some parents calling in to school to check dates of upcoming events. Please remember that all the key dates for school are posted on the electronic calendar on the school website. This should serve as a quick point of reference for you. If you click on a diary entry it will take you to a note page where further information may be given about trips etc.

## Family Performance Evening

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Performance Evening on Wednesday such a success. It was a community event thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A special thank-you goes out to the small groups of parents who were instrumental in organising stalls and refreshments and to the teaching staff for enabling the performances to go so smoothly. Thanks also to all the helpers who helped manage the stalls - these types of events cannot run without your help!

As this was the first time an event of this nature has been held at school, we have considered all the things that went well, as well as how we can better organise it next time. We would like to hold a family event this Christmas, but we would need more helpers and key people to lead on the organisation of key areas. We will start planning this at the beginning of next term.





## Young Writers

\* You will be aware that recently the whole school took part in a 'monster' writing event. This was linked to a competition run by 'Young Writers'. Children who have been selected to have their writing published will have received a letter either through school or at home, earlier this week. We have been alarmed to discover that the published books will be sold for around £15 a copy. As a school we are concerned that this competition may not have had the 'celebrating children's writing' ethos at heart (as we had hoped). Instead, it seems there is an underlying motive to maximise profits made. Although the children of course still need to celebrate the accolade of being chosen (not everybody was), we would not like parents to feel the pressure to buy the book. We will be given several free copies which we are happy for children to share with their parents and photocopy their particular page, which is within the copyright allowances we have as a school.

## Afternoon Tea for Year 2

Next Thursday (3rd) Y2 will be partaking in a good old fashioned afternoon tea! In school they will be baking buns and biscuits and learning how to participate in a tea dance. Then during the afternoon they will be enjoying the fruits of their labour, eating, dancing and having fun. For the party itself we would like the children to bring in 'best clothes' so they can dress accordingly for the tea party. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

## 'Dig Discover Enjoy'

We like to support local events taking place and so I'm bringing your attention to a free archeology fun day taking place this Saturday, 28th June on Stockport Market (in front of Staircase House), 11am-3pm. Activities will include: mini-digs, cave painting, building 'Stockporthenge', prehistorical animal hunting, writing your name in hieroglyphics etc. It sounds like an exciting event!

## School meal slips

If you have not already done so and are intending to take a school meal in September, could you please return the slip at the bottom of the yellow letter which was sent out earlier this week. This is very important as our school meal uptake is set to rise significantly and we need to ensure that we are able to provide an efficient and high quality service.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

