

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Prompt pick up please

We are experiencing increasing instances of children not being picked up on time. School finishes at 3.15pm exactly and we ask parents to be on the playground ready to receive the children. KS2 children know to go back to their teacher if they have no-one to pick them up. However, I do not expect teachers to look after children who are late being picked up. At 3.20pm they will be taken to the After School Club and an 'emergency' booking fee of £5 will be charged.

## School Website

It is very pleasing to see how many visits we are getting to the school website. We aim to keep all the information up to date and the site relevant for your needs. Please remember to visit your child's class pages as key information, as well as photos and news, will be posted there.

## Booking of Clubs

Booking of clubs took place on Wednesday morning. We were extremely disappointed with the way some parents conducted themselves and how little respect was shown for the fact that some people had been queuing early for the clubs they wanted. Even though this system of booking worked well in the summer term, we will look to make some changes to ensure a more fair and orderly way of signing up. We do feel however, that the system we have in place does work - we just need parents to queue and wait their turn for the sign up sheet.

I would like to thank those parents who have emailed with good suggestions and also shown concern for the welfare of our office staff who did a magnificent job of managing a difficult situation.

Some suggestions we will definitely be considering for next term include: staff on the door to allow only 5 parents in at a time; clear signing of which club sheet is which; sellotaping the sheets to the top of the table so they can't be removed and limiting clubs to 2 per child. It seems ridiculous that we have to resort to such measures but we sympathise with those parents who felt mistreated and we are always striving to make it fair for all.

## Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. Next week we will be sending home information about this position and what is expected in terms of commitment. It is a considerable voluntary role to take on, but is also very rewarding for the right person. If you might be interested, look at for the papers coming home next Friday.





## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan are holding their 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' on Friday 26th September. It has become an annual tradition to support this worthy cause at Etchells and we will be doing so again this year. Please consider donating cakes for the coffee morning as well as putting the date in your diary to come and enjoy some refreshments. The children will also have the opportunity to buy a cake for their playtime snack.

In order for the coffee morning to go ahead, we are asking for volunteers to assist us in making and serving hot drinks, serving cake and taking money. If anyone is interested in taking a lead on organising this please email me at the usual address. We will of course help out, but having someone to co-ordinate helpers etc is very welcome.

## Lost Property!

Even though we are only at the end of the second week back in school, our lost property is already overflowing! What is frustrating for us is that many items are unnamed, making it impossible for us to return to their owners. We ask for all items - even shoes(!) - to be named. We never cease to be amazed by the number of quality, expensive items which are left around school and cannot be returned.

A company we particularly recommend for name labels is My Nametags. They produce stick on name labels which the children can design themselves. They stick on clothing, shoes, water bottles, bags etc and are guaranteed for 10 years. I can personally recommend them. If you are interested, please order using the link below and the company will donate 20% of the order to school. This link can also be found on the school uniform page in the school information menu on the website.

<https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=26274>

## HEAD BOY AND GIRL

As is the tradition at the beginning of every term, we have appointed our new Head Boy and Girl. They are chosen by both the Year 6 children and the staff for the excellent example they set for the rest of the school and for the way they both uphold the school rules and ethos of Etchells. I would like to congratulate Tom and Alisha on their appointments and know they will do a magnificent job!



Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

