



SCHOOL NEWS

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Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the Spring Term 2024. We are already at the end of the first week and only have four weeks until the half term break! It is always such a busy term with so much to fit in a shorter amount of time. We have hit the ground running with Reception already getting their new topic "What's in the Woods" underway with an immersion day. The Reception building was transformed into a magical woodland for the children to discover. They explored what might live there, different habitats, creatures, environments, as well as the seasonal changes - there really was a sense of awe and wonder as the children were immersed in their transformed classrooms!



**Get your
tickets
TODAY!**

We are really looking forward to this new PTA event taking place next Friday. There are still a few tickets left so please log on to School Spider to reserve your place. Just to note, this is no ordinary 'film in the hall'; we are having a full cinema screen and sound provided in order to make this a unique movie experience. Nursery to Year 4 children must be accompanied by an adult with a ticket and Y5 and Y6 children have the option to attend alone if the consent form is completed.

New After School Club for Years 1 - 3



We are often asked for more after school club provision for the younger children. I am pleased to tell you that we have secured a coach from the national organisation, Rugby Tots. This is a popular club throughout the country and we hope it is an activity our younger children will take up. Information has been emailed home to parents of Y1, Y2 & Y3.



Some reminders.....

- ✓ School dinners must be paid for a week in advance or half termly. All information regarding school dinner payment can be found in the 'School Office' tab of the school website - or you can click this [link](#) to take you there. If payment is not made, your child will need to move to a packed lunch
- ✓ Monday is the LAST day for applications to be made for a place in Reception. All Nursery children need to apply for a place in Reception at Etchells. Please pass the message on if you know anyone who has yet to apply.
- ✓ **Holiday dates 2024-25:** I have attached to this newsletter an 'At a Glance' calendar of next year's holiday dates and INSET days. The children are not in school on the days marked green and red. Please take note of these dates when planning holidays and ensure any others who may book holidays, such as grandparents, are also aware. These dates are under the 'School Office' section of the school website for your reference.
- ✓ There are still places on the Sportscool Football (Y2, 3 & 4) and Multi-Sports (Y1, 2, 3 & 4) after school clubs. If you are interested, please book direct: bookings@sportscoolcheshire.org
Clubs are starting next week.
- ✓ Sportscool are running their holiday club during half term at Outwood Primary School. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Snow Policy



It's that time of year again when I share the Snow Policy with you. In the event the school needs to close due to snow, we will text and send a whole school dojo message. An urgent message will also be placed on the home page of the website. Please do not phone the school office to enquire about school closure: if you have not heard from us, then school is open as normal.

If other local schools are open or closed, please don't think that Etchells will be the same. The decision to close comes down to the safety of the school site and the availability of staff. Both of these factors can be very different for each school setting.

A final note on snow....if it snows, we aim to get outside and enjoy it! Please make sure your child comes to school with wellies, a pair of indoor shoes, ideally a change of socks (!), hats, gloves and a warm coat. All these items need to be NAMED!

Parent Council

The Parent Council will be meeting on the 23rd January. We would like to hear your opinions about the one way system through the playground and the after school curricular club provision. Please provide your feedback to your class rep via the email address which will be put on ClassDojo today. Please note, your class rep may not reply to your email but your feedback and questions will be brought to the meeting. Whole school feedback from the meeting will be provided via the newsletter. Please feel free to raise other questions which will help form our agendas for future meetings.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and
the Etchells staff

