

SCHOOL NEWS

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Eco-Team 2018-19

Mrs Lambert expertly leads our Eco-Team in school and has a brand new line up to work with this year. They play an important role looking after the outdoor areas, saving energy, leading recycling projects as well as keeping an eye out for our wildlife and birdlife. We welcome Ruben, Violet, Charlie, Georgie, Madihah, Elias, Dillan and Nicholas to the team.



Traffic issues

Local residents have been informed by letter that there will be extensive road works on Queensway, starting on the 26th September. The Handforth Road and Lakeland roundabout will also be undergoing closure next week.

Please allow plenty of time to get school and park in the morning.



The Macmillan Coffee morning will be taking place in school next Friday from 9.10am to 11am. We would like to invite all our parents, family members and friends to join us for coffee, cake and a chat. It is always a very special community event and we hope as many of you as possible can join us. The children will be joining the event for a drink and a biscuit and will be able to purchase a cake if they wish. Please send your child in with 50p if you wish them to donate and buy a cake. We are unable to give precise times but Year 1 will be coming to the hall at 9.30am, finishing with Year 6 at around 10.40am. Classes will stay in the hall for around 10 minutes only.

Cake Donations!! The coffee morning can't be a success without your generous donations and so we would like to ask again if you can provide any cakes or biscuits which can be sold for the event. All monies taken for tea, coffee and cakes will go straight into the Macmillan bucket and so we would like to say a huge thank you in advance. If you are able to donate any cakes, please bring them to the school hall via the front entrance, before school.



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Chair and Secretary for the PTA



Today was the closing day for nominations for the position of Chair and Secretary of the PTA. I am delighted to announce that we had one nomination for the position of Chair and that Fazila Sidatt, a parent in RR, will take on the role at the AGM, next Thursday. We very much look forward to welcoming her to the team.

Unfortunately, we don't have any nominations for the role of secretary. Would you be interested in stepping up and supporting Fazila on the new committee? We welcome parents who are new to the school to join us and very much appreciate their input and ideas. The current secretary, Kerry Vacara, will be more than happy to show anyone new to the position the ropes and guide them in what needs doing. We will accept nominations for the secretary position until next Wednesday, so please come forward if you think you can fulfil the role!

Reminder!! AGM taking place next week at school, 7pm on Thursday 27th September. This is a meeting for everyone and a chance to join in PTA discussions. Please come if you can!!

Parents' Evening

In response to parent feedback, we are holding our first Parents' Evenings a little earlier in the term. This is to enable parents to meet with teachers and address concerns and issues at the earliest opportunity, rather than waiting until the end of the first half term.

The consultations will be taking place on Thursday 4th October from 3.30pm to 7.20pm and on Tuesday 8th October, 3.30pm to 5.50pm.

Please make every effort to attend as the partnership between school and home is a crucial part of your child's Primary education. We ask that you don't bring children to these meetings as there will be no supervision and we do not invite them to be part of the discussion. Thank you to all the parents who respect this request and make arrangements for child care.

Appointments need to be made on the Parent Area of the school website. Passwords have been issued to all parents. Bookings can be made from Monday 24th September at 3.30pm, and close on Monday 1st October at 3.30pm.

Nursery consultations will take place in early November.

LA Ofsted inspection for SEND



Next week the Local Authority are being inspected by

Ofsted. The focus of the inspection is the provision for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) We have been selected as one of two Primary Schools for Ofsted to visit in order for them to meet with parents, senior leaders and children. All our parents of children with SEND have been contacted this week and invited to a meeting next Wednesday. If they wish to attend please let the school office know.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

