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A Great Time in Robinwood!



Year 6 have had an amazing time on their three day residential in Robinwood. We used a brand new centre this year based in Wrexham. The children have participated in outdoor activities such as zip wires, canoeing, climbing and night lines, as well as activities in the 'piranha' pool, canoeing, team challenges and archery. The teamwork has been brilliant and the children worked together in their groups to support and encourage each other. Many thanks to Mrs Kind who led the trip, with Mrs Roberts, Miss Williams, Mrs Chappell and Mrs Gunn. Staff give their time to make the residential trips happen and their energy and enthusiasm is much appreciated.



Parent Council

Before half term, we asked for parents to come forward to be a class representative on the Parent Council. The Council has been very successful in previous years and has been key in helping us deal with issues which concern parents, changes which need making and new initiatives which are brought in. We meet once or twice a term for just an hour, usually at 4.45pm. So far, I have had only one parent come forward. If you are interested in the role or would like to represent your class for another year, please contact me via email by the end of next week. We need at least six parents on the council for it to go ahead.



Prospective Parents' Morning

We will be holding a meeting with an opportunity to look around school for parents of children considering us for Nursery or Reception in September 2019. If you know of anyone who is considering Etchells, could you please advise them of the following date:

Thursday 15th November, 9.30am start

There is no need to book - just turn up!

Anyone interested in seeing what our school looks like from the inside can look at the 'School Tour' which is on our website home page under the calendar link:

www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk

Request for small buckets!



On Friday 9th November we are having the fence at the front of the school re-painted. It has been a very long time since it was last done!! We are hugely grateful for the Manchester Airport

Community Group who are sending an army of 35 people to carry out the work for us. We will be changing the colour to Etchells blue in order to brighten up the front of school and make it more appealing. We have two very large tins of paint which will need pouring out for the volunteers to have their own supply. If you have any spare childrens size buckets which are no longer used we would be very grateful for any donations. It will make the job much much



Poppies



This year Remembrance Sunday falls on the 100th anniversary of the end of the first world war. We will be discussing the memorial with the children and intend to hold a minute's silence on Friday. Representatives from our school, including the Head Boy and Girl, will be laying a wreath on behalf of Etchells at the Heald Green Service.

We will be selling poppies in school from Monday. Please send in a suitable donation if you wish for your child to have a poppy. For the first time we will also have more child friendly items to buy, proceeds of which go directly to the Poppy Appeal. Erasers, reflectors, sharpeners and pencils have a suggested donation of 50p and rulers, £1. There is a limited supply of these items and they will be sold on a first come first served basis. Nursery and Reception children can bring in their donations in an envelope marked with child's name, amount enclosed and item required (even if just a poppy) and give directly to their teacher.



Vaping



It has been brought to my attention that some parents are vaping on the school playground. This is strictly forbidden and any parent found doing so will be asked to leave the premises and may result in restricted access to the playground.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

