



SCHOOL NEWS

DT Award | Teaching and Learning | Swimming

Swimming Lessons

Life Leisure are offering the opportunity for you to enrol your children in their swimming lesson programme. The lessons run for 50 weeks of the year and last for 30 minutes. They also offer holiday courses during our half term if your child has a particular interest in swimming. If you're interested in signing up your child or would like more information, please visit www.lifeleisure.net/swimminglessons/ or contact the team via email on swimming@lifeleisure.net



Design and Technology Award

Miss Laurie, our Design and Technology lead, has been working really hard over the course of last year and this year to apply for the DT quality mark for school. There are so many good examples of work that goes on in DT and this has been recognised by the school achieving the quality mark. In order to achieve this, we had to prove that a high standard teaching of design and technology was taking place across the school and the children were getting an excellent provision in this area.

A huge thank you to Miss Laurie for all her hard work in helping the school achieve this award.



Teaching and Learning Policy

As a Senior Leadership Team, we have been looking at the teaching and learning across school and updating our teaching and learning policy. This is now in draft form and will be reviewed at a Governors meeting at the start of February. We have also created a one page document for parents to make it easy to understand what are the main strategies that are used with the children in school. Once the policy has been ratified, we will share this with parents and invite you in to ask any questions.

In the next few weeks, we will be releasing dates for parents to come in for workshops run by our English and Maths subject leads so that you know the methods that we use in school. We will also be offering strategies on ways in which you can support the children at home with their learning. Please keep checking the newsletter for further information.

I am really pleased with all the teaching and learning that I have seen so far this year and we are now refining the excellent work that is being done in school.



Front of the school

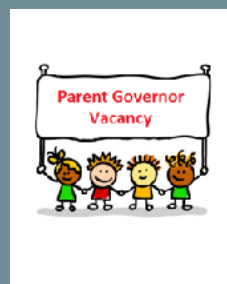
Whilst we have the temporary boiler at the front of school, we are asking that parents do not use the path that runs directly in front of the school building. This is not the pavement outside of school but the path that runs from the school Office to the entrance near our Early Years building. We are asking this as a Health and Safety precaution. Thank you for your understanding over this matter. We are hoping to have our new boiler installed in the next few weeks but I will keep you updated with any developments that happen around this.



Parent Governor

On Monday, you should all be receiving a letter via email about a Parent Governor election that is taking place. We did this before Christmas but unfortunately no one came forward for the position. It is an important role and helps with the strategic planning of the school. The responsibility of a parent governor is to be a representative of the parent body in school. You will be required to attend a meeting once a half term and then a full governing body meeting once a term. I am hoping that this time we can fulfil the role.

If there are any questions then do not hesitate to contact me. All the details about the role is on the letter that is coming out to you on Monday.



Attendance

Here are the top three classes this week for attendance. Well done to 6W for having the highest attendance this week.

Class	Attendance
6W	97.3%
3/4TL	96.8%
5L	96.5%

Please look at the School Hall window to see a full list of classes attendance this week.

PTA Movie Night

Due to the company that we used last year no longer operating, we have had to unfortunately cancel the Movie Night for this year. We will be looking at putting on an alternative event and will keep you posted with this.



Kind regards,

Pete Cope

and the Etchells staff

