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The language this half term is Italian. Italian is the official language of Italy, and 93% of population are native Italian speakers. Around 50% of the population speak a regional dialect as mother tongue. The children will be exploring the culture of Italy and learning some basic words and phrases in Italian. This will aid them with their language acquisition skills that they can transfer to learning different languages.



School Grid

This week has been the first week of our new system for ordering dinners. There have been a few issues which we are striving to resolve by the end of next week. We encourage everyone to sign up for the system regardless of whether your child receives free school meals or universal. One of the main reasons for moving to the new system was freeing up time in what is already a busy school day, as recording lunches can take up to fifteen minutes of the school day. We encourage you to discuss what the children are eating ensuring you select a meal they want.



Important Dates

This half term has many different events happening so I wanted to give all parents/carers notice of the key events in order for you to prepare.

Here are some of the key events for your diary:

- ◆ Parents evening: 4th and 5th March. Please make sure that you have booked a slot as this is vital to discuss the progress of your child.
- ◆ World Book Day: 7th March. The children can come into school wearing either a costume or their own clothes.
- ◆ Holi Colour Run: 14th March. A letter about this has been sent home today with a waiver for everyone to sign.
- ◆ World Down Syndrome Day: 21st March. The children can come into school in odd socks and will be given a pot and sunflower seeds to plant to celebrate the day.
- ◆ Sponsored school walk to St Anne's Hospice: 28th March. All children walking to the new hospice in Heald Green.
- ◆ Eid Celebration: 4th April. A celebration in school, the children can wear their party clothes.



St Ann's Hospice

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, we will be walking to St Ann's Hospice on the morning of the 28th March. In order for this event to go ahead, we need as many parent helpers as possible to attend the trip with us. If you are able to do so then please contact your child's class teacher. This is particularly important with our Early Years children as the legal ratio for these children is 1:3 so we will need a large number of helpers to come on the trip. Even if your child is not in Early Years and you still want to help then please contact me and I will



Attendance

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

Class	Attendance
EYWL	98%
6C	97.7%
2H	97.7%

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

Dodgeball Finals

Yesterday, Miss Laurie took a group of Year 6 children to the Stockport Dodgeball Grand Final, which they qualified for earlier on this year. After a tough competition, we managed to secure third place, narrowly missing out on a spot in the Greater Manchester Finals by just one point. The children all played amazingly and were a great support to each other. We could not be prouder of their achievements and the fantastic effort they put in. Well done to everyone involved.



Uniform Policy

We are in the process of reviewing the uniform policy which will contain guidance on earrings. Please be advised that the guidance that we have received states that children should not even be playing outside in earrings as it is a major health and safety risk.



Kind regards,

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and the Etchells staff

