

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Welcome Back!



A huge welcome to all our new families and a big welcome back to everyone else. It was lovely to see the enthusiasm the children came back with on Wednesday to get started with the new academic year.

Just to let our new parents know that this newsletter is sent home via email every Friday. It is also available to view at the bottom left hand corner of the home page of the school website. Please ensure your email address is always up to date as the information in the newsletter is important. We ask that you check the School News before phoning the school office with queries.

Another way of keeping in touch with news and events taking place in school is to follow our Twitter feed. Please note we do not respond to comments or questions left here.

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## Term Dates



The term dates, holidays and INSET days can be found on the school website calendar.

Please ensure that you and all other family members make reference to this when booking holidays, as absences for holidays are unauthorised.

If you require your child to be absent from school due to exceptional circumstances, please complete the Leave of Absence form which can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website under school info/attendance ([http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk/serve\\_file/105454](http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk/serve_file/105454)). Please do not email with a request.

Last year we achieved 96% overall attendance which was fantastic and the first time in a long while that we achieved the National Average. I would really like us to work together again this year to aim to surpass this.



## General Election?!!!

Just to give all parents advance warning that if a General Election is called in the coming weeks, then school will be closed for the day. This is a decision taken by the council. We have asked on many occasions for an alternative location to be found but it has not been possible. For the safeguarding of our children, we will not be able to open.



## Building Work and Grounds Improvements

You will have noticed that over the summer we have begun work replacing the roof of the main school building. Completion is not expected until mid October, but be reassured that all safety measures, risk assessments and DBS checks are in place. The roofers are working over the weekends too in order to get the job completed as quickly as possible. The roof improvement works created an enormous amount of dust and debris in the main school corridor and I would like to extend my thanks to the huge effort from the staff team on Monday to get the building ship-shape and ready for the children on Wednesday.

Earlier this week we had a volunteer team in from SKY to help us with jobs around the school grounds. This included painting tyres for a future tyre art project due to go near Nursery entrance; digging out the field footpath and installing new membrane, edging and wood chip; finishing off painting the railings at the front of school.



Our thanks also to Mr Gilham for his work tidying up the bushes and greenery and helping our outdoor area look smart once again.

Our local B&Q generously donated sensory plants, herbs, bulbs, seeds and compost. Staff have planted up the Reception and Nursery Planters and children will plant bulbs and grow seeds during Forest School sessions.

The time and donations from local businesses and volunteers are really appreciated and make all the difference to our school environment. so our thanks to all involved.

**YOU'RE INVITED**



**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

We will be supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 27th September. More details to follow but please put a note in your diary to come and join us for a coffee and some cake.



**THE  
KINGSWAY  
SCHOOL**

The Kingsway School will be holding a roadshow here at Etchells for any parents who may have questions about the school and would like to speak directly to the Headteacher, Mrs Lowe, and a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The event is taking place on Monday 23rd September between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

### Newsletters and Homework

We are just in the process of finalising key dates for the coming year. They will be published on the website and Class Newsletters. Look out for these and homework sheets coming home during next week.

Kind regards,  
Cathy Beddows  
and the Etchells staff

