



# SCHOOL NEWS

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### Language of the Half Term

Please find attached the information sheet for language of the Half Term which is Pashto. Pashto is a member of the southeastern Iranian branch of Indo-Iranian languages spoken in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. There are three many varieties of Pashto: Northern Pashto, spoken mainly in Pakistan; Southern Pashto, spoken mainly in Afghanistan and Central Pashto, spoken mainly in Pakistan. We currently have 6 children who speak Pashto.



### Quiz Night

Just a reminder that on Friday 9th we will be hosting our PTA Pizza and Quiz night here at school. If you wish to come to the quiz with your family then please book your tickets and pizza on school spider. Please can I remind you that you will need to book a pizza per family. At the moment, we have not had many families book onto the night and if we do not have 10 or more families book on then we will not be able to go ahead with the event. It is a great chance to bring the community together and raise some much needed money for the school that will go towards projects that will benefit the children.

The PTA card system is not working at the moment so please be advised that the event is cash only. Any questions then please contact the school office.



### VE Day

On Thursday 8th May, we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day in school. To celebrate the children will be invited to come into school in something red, white or blue. It is an important event in British history for us to commemorate as a school. Also, the children will be learning about what VE Day is and why it was such an important part of the war.



### PTA Instagram

Our PTA have set up a new instagram account with the handle @etchellspta. Please could you all follow the account to keep up to date with the latest going on with our PTA. Thank you in advance.



## Staircase House

Today 1P went on a trip to Staircase House to consolidate their learning on The Great Fire Of London. The children dressed up to act out the events in roles as some of the historical characters- including Samuel Pepys and his maid. The children enjoyed making fire marks, wattle and daub walls and singing traditional songs. The behaviour of the children was excellent and it brought their History learning to life.

Next week, 1M will be going to Staircase House as well and I am sure that they will enjoy it as much as the children did today.



## Dates for the upcoming term

The Summer Term is always a busy one and this year is no exception; therefore, I wanted to share with you some key events that are happening in school:

- ▶ Thursday 8th May: VE Day: Children are to dress in red, white and blue.
- ▶ W/C Monday 12th May: Year 6 SATs week
- ▶ Friday 16th May: PTA Be Yourself day for a donation of vegan sweets.
- ▶ Friday 23rd May: Eid-Al-Adha
- ▶ Friday 13th June: PTA wear silly socks for chocolate donation.
- ▶ Wednesday 25th June: School Photographs.
- ▶ Friday 27th June: Wear summer clothes for a bottle donation and Summer Fair on the same day
- ▶ Tuesday 17th July: Superhero Day

## Attendance

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

Class	Attendance
6W	98.3%
3/4TL	97.4%
3/4VC	97.1%

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

## Sports Day- Save the date

Our annual Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 21st May. More details will follow in the upcoming weeks but

I wanted to share the date so that arrangements can be made for parents/carers to attend the event.



Kind regards,

Pete Cope

and the Etchells staff

