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Children in Need

Today we marked the annual fundraising day for Children in Need with the wearing of spots. This year, due to Covid restrictions, we are suggesting that donations be made online or via a mobile phone. If you were an avid fan of Joe Wicks' workouts during the summer lockdown, you may wish to consider making a donation for his amazing 24 hour workout challenge which was completed this morning. At the time of finishing, he had raised a fantastic £1.5million



Heald Green Planting

Last week our Head Girl and Boy with other Y6 pupils, went into the village to plant up our allocated flower tub. This is something the local schools do twice a year and helps keep Heald Green in bloom!



Once again, we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Although we have just recruited a new parent governor, the board actually has two parent positions, one of which has just become vacant. The Board of

Governors is a key element of the Leadership and Management of the school. It is made up of representatives from the community, parent body as well as some from a little further afield who are interested in supporting the school in this role. Unlike the Parent Council, it isn't the role of the Parent Governor to canvas opinion or to give parental feedback to the governing body; instead, the position involves being representative of the Parent body. The role involves being part of the strategic Leadership and Management of the school, leaving the operational running of the school to the Senior Leadership Team. It also involves attending a Full Governing Board meeting once a term. These are usually held on a Tuesday, between 4pm and 6pm. You would also be required to join one of our sub-committees: Teaching and Learning or Resources. The committees usually meet once or twice a term, again, between 4pm and 6pm. If you would like any further information about the role, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Mr Choudry, Chair of Governors, using the headteacher email.

All nomination forms (see attached) need to be returned to school, via email, to the headteacher, by Tuesday 24th November, 12 noon. If there is more than one nomination, we will then hold a parental ballot and all families will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred candidate.

All parents new to the school are more than welcome to put themselves forward for this really important role.



HOME LEARNING

I am pleased to attach to this email our Home Learning Policy. We have worked together as a local cluster of schools to agree a similar format and then we have personalised the information to Etchells. We hope it will give you a clear overview of the expectations, when home learning will be set and methods of communication open to you. Thank you to parents so far who have provided us with very positive feedback about the provision so far. The policy can also be found under the policy section of the school website or you can follow this link: http://www.etchells.stockport.sch.uk/serve_file/825119



Next week is the national Anti-Bullying week. We will be marking this on Monday with an 'Odd Socks Day'. Please try to send your child in any odd socks! This will be followed up with activities and discussions in class. Next week, I will send our Anti-Bullying policy out for you to read and become familiar with.



Kind regards,
Cathy Beddows
and the Etchells
staff

Harvest Thanks

Many thanks to those who were able to contribute to our Harvest collection for the Wellspring Project this year. We were given a lovely letter of thanks to pass on to you...

Dear Friends,

I am writing on behalf of Wellspring to thank you for your kind and generous gift of food received recently. We are grateful for your support. Please pass on our thanks to all who made this lovely gift possible.

Wellspring has remained open during the problems with Covid to provide food, care and support where ever it is needed. In this new period of lockdown Wellspring will continue to support all who are in need of assistance. Although the project is not operating in the traditional way Project workers and some volunteers continue to provide care, hot meals for the homeless and practical help to all who contact them.

Thank you again for caring and supporting The Wellspring Charity we are very grateful for your help.

I trust that you will all stay safe and well,

Yours sincerely

Pauline Coetse

