

# SCHOOL NEWS

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I am delighted to inform you that as a result of parents buying the children's Christmas card designs we sent home, £305.78 has been raised through

the commission earned. I think some of the designs this year were amongst the best we've seen. My thanks to the staff for embracing Christmas in September to do this!

Since the lockdown last Spring, we have been unable to hold PTA events in school. We had decided last year to raise money for a new sound system and microphones for the school hall. Whilst it may still seem some time away until we can hold assemblies and performances, we are having the hall re-wired over the Christmas break and would like to go ahead with the installation of new audio equipment at the same time. We will use monies raised from the last Christmas Fair and the above Christmas Card initiative to put towards this project. In addition to this, we will be holding a Santa Dash on the 11th of December, in conjunction with the SHAPES Alliance (Stockport Schools Sports). This will be an energetic sponsored event involving Christmas Jumpers and Hats! More information and sponsor forms will be coming out next week. Thank you, as always, for your support with our fundraising events.



JOIN OUR TEAM

We currently have a vacancy for a Mid-Day Assistant. The job is Monday to Friday, starting at 12pm and finishing at 1.15pm each day. A free hot meal is provided at the end of each shift. The job involves a variety of tasks including supervision of the dinners in the hall, assisting with the children and clearing away. A vital part of the role is engaging with the children in their play outside, as well as attending to minor first aid. On rainy days, MDAs supervise in the classrooms and assist with wet playtime activities.

We are currently operating in year group bubbles so contact with others is kept to the same group of adults and children each day. In normal circumstances, a rota would be in operation to ensure the duties are shared out and varied. If you have any questions about the role please telephone the school office or contact me directly on the headteacher email.

The position starts on Monday 11th January. The closing date for applications is Monday 14th December. The application form is attached with this newsletter - this should be emailed back to myself or posted to the school. Please feel free to pass to anyone you may think would be interested.





Unfortunately, we didn't receive any nominations for the Parent Governor position. I will arrange a new election process in January.

### Reminder....



We now have the collection box in the school entrance for you to donate a present for the Mission Christmas Appeal should you wish to do so. Remember the present should be unwrapped. Please refer to last week's School News for a list of unwanted items or visit the website using the following link:

<https://cashforkids.org.uk/mission>

### Want to know more about helping your child with phonics?



Monster Phonics are holding a webinar for parents, explaining how you can help them more at home with their phonics learning. The sessions are being held on Thursday 3rd December, 20:00 - 20:45. If you are interested click [HERE](#) to book.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

## Special Educational Needs Funding Consultation

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) provides the majority of funding for schools. This includes High Needs funding which is for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The High Needs funding element is approximately £32million. There is currently a consultation open to gauge opinion about the use of the High Needs funding to:

- Make sure that the money is spent to achieve the best outcomes for young people
- Understand where the money is being spent and what we spend it on
- Make sure we best meet needs with the funding available.

If you would like to contribute to the consultation, please do so by the 4th December and by using the following link.

<https://consultation.stockport.gov.uk/policy-performance-and-reform/dedicated-schools-grant-high-needs-funding-consult/>

### Autumn Term Information for Parents

Last year, we took the decision to replace our Autumn term individual consultations with a longer presentation by teachers to parents, with opportunities to stay and chat directly to staff. We found that a lot of information was being repeated during the 10 minute slots and time was not being put to best use. By holding 40 minute information and question sessions, we found that we were able to share the expectations of the new year group, routines, homework and assessment requirements. We had extremely positive feedback regarding these meetings and so this year, have replicated by placing the PowerPoint presentations on the class pages of the school website. We have always said to parents that if you do have any concerns or questions about your child's progress during the Autumn term, to make a phone appointment with the teacher and they will be happy to assist. Individual consultations will take place in February 2021.

