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Fidget toys and Calming Items

At Etchells we are proud to be an inclusive school. We strive to limit barriers to learning and ensure that neurodivergent pupils can access all lessons. Sometimes fidget toys can help ease anxieties and aid focus for some pupils. It is important though that they are only used as planned in agreement with the class teacher and SENCo so that they do not themselves become a further barrier to learning. Where they help ease anxiety/boost focus and are used in accordance with reviewed SEND plans, they can be a big help.

In other circumstances they can be a distraction. Teachers will use their professional judgment. Please ask if you have any questions about how to best support your child.



If your child might be interested in trying out rugby, use this QR code for more details.



A message from our local MP, Tom Morrison.

As your local MP for Cheadle, I am writing to invite your pupils to take part in my inaugural Christmas Card Competition, which is open to all primary school pupils.

Every pupil at your school is invited to submit a design, and I'll send a certificate to everyone who takes part. The winner and runners-up will receive book tokens, and the winning design will be used for my Christmas card this year, which will be sent to over 40,000 homes across all communities that make up our constituency.



I have set out below a few competition details:

- Please send us the original design, not a photocopy.
- Send your designs on A4 paper (although the winning design will be reduced in size and printed on A6.)
- Everything fun, creative, and vibrant is encouraged! (Avoid glitter, glue, cotton wool and other stick-on items –they're great, but don't reproduce well once we send the design to print.)
- Please remind pupils to write their full names, school year and age on the back of their designs – otherwise we won't know who the winner is!
- Name, age, year group and school will be shown on the winning card, so please do not include entries where a pupil or parent/guardian wouldn't want to have this information on the card!
- All designs must be received by Friday 10th October 2025.
- Please send all entries to my constituency office: 47 Church Road, Gatley, SK8 4NG
- Please let my office know whether your pupils will be taking part, by emailing: imani.asi@parliament.uk



Harvest Festival Appeal 2025



The Wellspring is an amazing local charity, helping homeless people here in Stockport.

They urgently need:

Tinned foods / Teabags & coffee / pasta & rice / cereal / biscuits & crisps / toiletries

Please send donations into school by Fri 17th Oct.

Thank you for your support.

Busy Bees Breakfast Club

Would you be interested in a part-time job at Etchells, supporting children in our Busy Bees Breakfast Club? We need another person to work in our growing breakfast club from 7.30 - 8.45. Application forms are available on our [website](#).

Stockport County

Stockport County are offering free tickets for this Sunday's Women's match against Liverpool at Edgeley Park. Just enter **ETCHELLS** at check out. Click this [link](#).



Attendance

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

Class	Attendance
RR	99.2%
1P	97.6%
6C	96%

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

Football

Our boys' and girls' football teams will be taking on Prospect Vale next Friday at school at 3.30pm. If your child is in either squad and you would like to cheer them on, please come along to support.



Kind regards,

Stuart Kelly

and the Etchells staff

