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Phonics Parents' Meeting

Next Wednesday at 4pm (11th March) we are holding a meeting in the hall for all parents of children from Nursery to year 2 and for all parents of any older children who still require support with learning all of the sounds needed to be a fluent reader and still have phonics lessons. Please come along if you want to learn how we systematically teach children to read and to spell, if you want to know more about the rationale behind the change in reading books and if you want to learn how best to support your child with reading at home. The meeting will last for half an hour or so and there will be chances to ask questions.

If you can't make it but would like the information, please see your child's teacher for an alternative time.



World Book Day



It was lovely to welcome author Daniel Peak into school yesterday. The children were full of questions and enjoyed a day of stories and story-telling. We firmly believe that anyone who doesn't love reading, just hasn't found the right book yet. Let us know of any great favourites of your children that we should add to our libraries.

Parents' Evenings

This week 92% of parents attended parents' evening. Thank you for attending as we learn so much about how best to support and challenge your children through these conversations.

If you are among the 8% who did not or could not attend, please get in touch with your child's teacher to book an alternative appointment. It is vital that we work together to best support the children. Failing to make a parents' evening appointment can give the impression that a parent does not care about their child's education.



Holi - colour run

Next Friday sees the return of the colour run - the fabulously colourful, if very messy, Hindu celebration of the eternal and divine love of the deities Radha and Krishna, signifying the triumph of good over evil. The children need a white t-shirt that you don't mind possibly being ruined. They will wear protective sunglasses and complete a short run while their classmates shower them with powder paint. This was a great success last year and all had a great time. Families can come and watch from 2.30pm and take your children home straight after the event if you wish.

Upcoming trips

Next Thursday year 2 are off to Chester Zoo - pictures and reports to follow.

Also on Thursday, 8 boys from year 5 will be accompanying Mrs Chappell and Mrs Hogan into Manchester to sing with the Halle orchestra which should be an amazing experience.

The following Monday (16th March) sees the year 1 trip to Staircase House as part of their history studies.

We hope you all have a great time.

Attendance

Here are the top three classes this week for attendance. Well done to 1H for having the highest attendance this week.

Class	Attendance
1H	99.1%
5L	98.5%
2J	98.1%

Please ensure your children are in school every day on time. Every day counts.

Parking

Local councillors and representatives from Stockport Council's Traffic Management Team will be visiting next week to assess the need for greater traffic, driving and parking controls.

I will update everyone when there is anything further to tell you about these developments.

Kind regards,
 Stuart Kelly
 and the Etchells staff

