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Mr Cope is Leaving

With a mixture of sadness and pride I have to announce that Mr Cope has successfully applied for the position of Headteacher in a Manchester primary school, starting in September. I am certain that he will be a fabulous Headteacher and wish him all the best in this new role. I want to place on record my thanks for all that he has done for Etchells both in the short time that I have been here and the years before that as Acting Head and as Deputy.

I know that many of you will want to pass on your congratulations and will also be sorry to see Mr Cope moving on. This, though, is how things should work for teachers - they do a brilliant job and it equips them to take the next step in their professional journey.

An advert will go out today for a replacement Deputy Head to start in September and we have a robust recruitment plan in place to make sure we get the right person. We will hold interviews at the end of April and announce the appointment shortly afterwards.

In the meantime, there is another full term for us to make the most of Mr Cope's talents and to see that we give him the best thank you of all - a fabulous last term at Etchells.

Ofsted report card

Our Ofsted report card is now published and can be viewed [here](#). Ofsted have changed how they report on schools. They no longer offer one word overall judgements. Instead they produce a report card after inspection which considers Safeguarding plus 7 individual aspects of school, grading each with one of 5 possible grades. Of the reports so far published under this new system, very, very few schools are achieving the higher grades of 'Exceptional' or 'Strong Standard' in many areas at all. The 'Expected' standard is a much higher bar than the old 'Good', somewhat confusingly. Most schools inspected under the new system have at least one area graded as 'Needs Attention'.

We are pleased with the ways in which Ofsted have recognised lots of great practice at Etchells. We were already in the process of ensuring that more children across KS2 learn more and remember more in the non-core subjects with a particular focus on history and geography. Plans are in place to address this area of the Curriculum & Teaching and Achievement strands.

The Lead Ofsted Inspector described our report using this analogy: 'Etchells has had its MOT and has no fails but has a couple of advisories.' I am very proud of all the children and staff and consider us to be in a great position to move forward confidently.



Eid Day off

Next week many of our families will be celebrating Eid. We always allow one day's authorised absence for this special occasion. If your child will not be attending, please email using the school's dedicated email address: eid@etchells.stockport.sch.uk stating your child's name, class and the exact day they will not be attending school. Please note: only one day is authorised. Eid Mubarak!

SportsCool HAF Club

SportsCool will be running a HAF club at school from Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April. There are 8 places available for families in receipt of HAF vouchers. Paid places too.

**ETCHELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEALD GREEN, SK8**

9am-3.30pm

FUNDED:

30TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL (MON-THUR)
(9AM-1PM)
DAY EXTENSION AVAILABLE TO 3.30PM

SCAN TO BOOK (FUNDED):



PAID:

30TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL (MON-THUR)
£20 PER DAY

SCAN TO BOOK (PAID):



Attendance

Here are the top three classes this week for attendance. Well done to 3/4TL for having the highest attendance this week.

Class	Attendance
3/4TL	98.2%
6R	98%
1H	97.3%

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

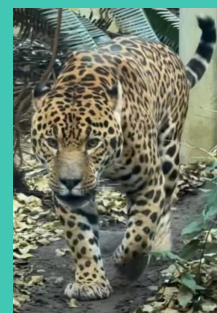
Kind regards,
Stuart Kelly
and the Etchells staff

Chester Zoo



Year 2 had a great time at Chester Zoo yesterday. Year 1 are off to Staircase House for their trip on Monday.

Thank you to all our parent helpers who ensured the trip was such a success and thank you to those supporting year 1 on Monday.



Comic Relief & Down Syndrome Day

To mark these two events that fall on Friday 20th March, we are asking everyone to wear odd socks for the day. Use these links if you would like to donate to [Comic Relief](#) or [Down Syndrome UK](#).



World Down Syndrome Day

Phonics

Thanks to all who came to our Phonics meeting on Wednesday. If you couldn't make it but want to know more please see the [slides on our English webpage](#). The reading books going home are supposed to be easy to build fluency and confidence. The children are making great progress as the results for Reception and y1 show at the end of the slides. In November most of the reception children were behind expectations; now most are ahead of them. If you would like to know more, please get in touch.

