

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## New Website

We are currently working hard to re-design the school website and VLE. It is our aim to have a site which is up to date, informative and useful. On the main part of the site we will produce class pages so you can see photos of your children and their work. There will be a student log-in section where the pupils will be encouraged to contribute to forums and write their own blogs. We hope the site will be fun to visit as well as informative. We should have it up and running around half term so please bear with us whilst we undergo this transition.

## Children's photos on the Website

If you DO NOT wish your child's photo to appear on the website for any reason, please inform me by email.

## Meet the Headteacher

Last week and this has been extremely busy getting to know the children and meeting all the teachers individually. Over the next few weeks I will be meeting with the wider staff team and would also like to extend an invitation to meet parents. This will take the form of an informal meeting where I will introduce myself and take questions and talk with those present. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th January at 2.30pm for half an hour. I would be grateful if you could email me if you would like to attend and then I can confirm a suitable room in school to accommodate numbers. Please contact me on: [headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk)

## Taekwondo



This week the children have had the opportunity to take part in Taekwondo sessions with a 3 times world champion and 15 times British champion (they were very impressed!) This was funded by the Sainsbury's vouchers and provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to try a new activity. This is what some children had to say: "Ruth Chare was amazed at how quickly the children learnt. We all enjoyed learning the art of self-defence and hope we can try it again soon." Leaflets promoting further sessions in Stockport were sent home with the children and additional copies can be found in reception. Thanks for your support in collecting the vouchers.



## Next week...

\* On Monday, all the teachers will be meeting individually with Mrs Beddows and Mrs Mallinson to discuss the progress of the children in their class. These meetings will take place on a termly basis in order to identify what has helped children to make good progress, as well as what can be done to help others move forward more rapidly. You will be informed of how your child is doing in the upcoming parents' evening this term on the 12th and 13th March.

\* Next Thursday, the Monitoring Committee will be meeting to be updated by Mrs Beddows and Mrs Mallinson on the progress the school is making towards the post-ofsted targets. The committee comprises of 5 governors and two Local Authority advisors.

## Parent Council

It is very important that parents have a voice in school and that good links are established. The role of the Parent Council is to clarify day to day issues, as well as discuss wider school matters such as homework, uniform, school dinners etc. It has come to my attention that issues of these nature are being relayed through the Governing Body. I would like to affirm that the Governing Body's role is rooted in the strategic leadership of the school, acting as a critical and supportive friend, rather than dealing with issues described above. Each class will have a parent representative who attends regular meetings; a summary of the meeting is reported back to parents via this newsletter. We ask the representative to provide an email address so parents can contact them with issues to raise. Next week, I will provide information about putting yourself forward. Please note, meetings will take place during the school day.

## Cycling Proficiency

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, Year 5 will be participating in Cycling Proficiency training. This will be for those children who have already signed up. Bikes can be left along the fence and all children **MUST** bring a helmet with them.

## Year 5 and 6 art work

Y5 and Y6 have requested that children collect small recycled items such as bottle lids, sweet wrappers, screws, nails etc which can be used for their art work. This is part of their Eco Warrior topic.



## Star of the Week

From next week the 'Star of the Week' letter will be attached to School News on Fridays. This will help keep all the information, news and celebrations together in one place.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff



