

Etwall Primary School

NEWSLETTER EIGHT



Monday 3rd July 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Busy term! Here is some of the news and events from the last few weeks. Don't forget that we have an INSET on Monday 10th July and the children will not be in school on this day. Thank you.

ETWALL PRIMARY SCHOOOL: WEMBLEY WINNERS!!!

Way back in January, the Etwall Primary School football team began a journey that led them all the way to lifting a trophy from the royal box at Wembley in May.

Prior to the final, the boys – Nick, Sam, Harry, Jack, Ben, Aakish and Leo - trained hard once a week with Jake Cummins of Sporting Bodies and the Derby County Community Trust coaches. “It was a



tough training regime, but we enjoyed it. It certainly helped us prepare for such a big match and was worth all the effort.” said Sam. On the weekend of the final itself, the boys gathered outside the school, ready to be transported down to Wembley courtesy of the DCCT minibus. After a long journey, they arrived at the hotel and didn't have long before heading out on the town for an evening of bowling and Nando's!

The morning of the final began with a hearty breakfast and a sizing up of the opposition, who were staying in the team hotel. “We saw the Ipswich team at breakfast and that was when it started to hit me that we'd be playing in a competitive match at Wembley.” said Nick. From there they boys were collected by EFL representatives and were given a guided tour of Wembley, including the Reading FC dressing room and the media centre, where post-match interviews take place. “The whole day was a brilliant experience, my favourite part was seeing the changing rooms for the first time.”, said Aakish. Lastly, they were shown to their own personal dressing room where pre-match training took place, along with a stirring team talk from Jake. The boys met the match referee and from there it was time to take to the pitch. After handshakes with the opposition, the match began.

The early exchanges went Etwall's way and Jack broke away to score in the opening minutes “When I scored, it was an amazing feeling. I'll never forget playing at Wembley, let alone scoring.” said Jack, 11. Although Ipswich went on to have more possession, they did little with it and the first half ended 1-0 to Etwall although not before late drama, as Conor Livingstone was fouled and was down on the hallowed turf for several minutes, whilst anxious fans from Etwall looked on. “Initially it hurt quite a lot and I wasn't sure that I'd be able to carry on, but after a few minutes rest at half-time I knew that I'd be ok, so I just got on





with it.”, said Conor, 11. Ipswich carried on as they left off, forcing a good save from goalkeeper, Leo Wilkinson “It was great to make a save at Wembley, how many people can say that?” said Leo, 11. Etwall continued to hold out and eventually gained a free kick on the edge of the opposition’s area with a couple of minutes remaining. Harry Hawkins took the free kick, which was initially blocked, however he followed up the rebound to increase Etwall’s lead to 2-0. With the last kick of the game, Ipswich clawed a goal back, but it was too little, too late, the Ram’s representatives had won the day. “When the final whistle went, it was insane. Not many people have played at Wembley, let alone won! For us to have done that at our age is a great achievement.” Said Ben Price, 11.

With little time to recover, the leg weary boys had to climb the 107 steps to the royal box to receive their trophy from the EFL representatives. It was well worth the climb though and the boys celebrated with gusto. “We’ve worked so hard to get here. It was a once in a lifetime experience to walk up the Wembley steps and lift the trophy” said team captain Harry Hawkins, 11. From there, the team went back to the changing room to celebrate their victory and had the honour of watching the Championship Playoff Final from a great vantage point with their families.

Sincere thanks must go to Jake Cummins of Sporting Bodies and Richard Mansfield of Derby County Community Trust for coaching the team so well; Sarah Giles, for guiding them through the early rounds of the competition; Andy Pomfret – the EFL’s representative on the day; and to the sponsors who provided the boys training kit: Jury’s Inn, Deelicious Cakes and Catering, Keipei and Etwall Cricket Club.



SUPER SWIMMERS

As a result of coming 3rd in the East Midlands Regional Heats of the ESSA Primary Swimming Competition, four intrepid swimmers went to Ponds Forge in Sheffield for the National Finals, which was a great experience for the children involved. We took part in one of three heats against schools from across the country, finishing 6th - which meant we finished as the 21st best primary school in the country. Whilst this result is fantastic in itself, of the 20 teams that finished ahead of us, 16 were independent, fee paying schools, meaning we placed

5th in terms of nationwide state schools and 1st in the East Midlands region. Massive congratulations go to Maddy, Zarah, Nick and Tom for their incredible achievement.

WRAP AROUND CARE AT ETWALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reminder: we now have wrap around care (Breakfast Club and After School Club) through Sporting Bodies. These are proving to be very popular! If you would like to know more or would like to make a booking, please email Sporting Bodies on sparsons@sportingbodies.co.uk . Bookings cannot be made through the school. All bookings MUST be made and paid for in advance please. Please email Scott Parsons for an information pack before you make your booking. He is quite happy for parents to contact him also if they have particular things they wish to discuss.





EYFS NEW STARTERS SEPT 2017

We look forward to welcoming all our new children into school for their induction mornings over the next two days. The information evening was very well attended! EYFS staff are currently visiting all our new children in their home also as part of the induction process. We thank all our new parents for engaging so well with us and we look forward to working with you from September 2017.

GOVERNOR CORNER

The Governing Body still has two vacancies for Co-opted Governors and we have advertised for these in the Etwall Express from our local community. There is plenty of information on the school web site about what the role involves. It is really rewarding and the school is building an excellent team of governors. If you have a neighbour who may be interested, please encourage them to pop into school to see Mrs East who will pass their details on to our new Clerk to Governors, Mrs Ruth Bailey.



SPORTS UPDATE:

CYCLING TEAM STORM TO SUCCESS

A team of Key Stage 2 Etwall Primary School Cyclists recently came first in a cross-country cycling Time Trial event. The event, held in the grounds of Linton Primary school, saw the team challenge other schools from across South Derbyshire. The result was close, but the Etwall team pulled out all the stops to prove worthy winners. Thank you to parental support for this event. **Well Done Team Etwall.**

NETBALL ROUNDUP

On Tuesday 27th June a team of 9 children participated in the 7-a-side netball tournament at Pennine Way Junior Academy. We played a round robin of matches against Healthfields, Pennine Way and St. Edwards. Unfortunately we didn't make it through to the final round, but there was excellence sportsmanship and skill displayed by the entire team. Thank you to the team for all their hard work with Miss Cox this year.

ROUNDERS / TENNIS ROUND-UP!

On Tuesday 13th June, some children went to Granville Sports College in Swadlincote to take part in a rounders or tennis tournament. We are delighted to announce that the children who took part in the tennis tournament won and will be taking part in the county finals at Trent College, Long Eaton next week! Despite the rounders team playing to the best of their ability, they did not progress to the next stage. Miss Marriott would like to say thank you to all of the children for being excellent ambassadors for the school.

ROLLS ROYCE DESIGN CHALLENGE DAY



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On Saturday 17th June a group of 5 year 6 children took part in the Rolls Royce Design Challenge at Ripley Junior School. This year the children had to design a siege engine that is capable of knocking down castle walls. The children had to appoint themselves different rolls and think strategically about their design, factoring in appearance, strength and the cost to build it. Etwall Primary School managed to complete the challenge and fired a ball 5.3m from their siege engine. It takes quite a lot of preparation before the event and our thanks go to Mr Cadman and Mrs Varley who gave up their time to prepare the children. Miss Cox accompanied the children to the event – thank you.

JAGUAR LAND ROVER VISIT

On Thursday 8th June the Imagineering Club and other lucky members of Year 6 went on a school trip to Jaguar Land Rover. They had a fantastic day! The children got to do some programming, experiencing how to make traffic lights and engines work and they also had a really interesting tour of the site, where they got to see the Tear Down area, where the cars are stripped. They also saw some prototype cars which have not yet been released – however the children are not allowed to tell you about these for the next 5 years, because it is a secret! Many of the children came away inspired to work in engineering in the future, which is fantastic.



SEND Sports Day Rosliston Forestry Centre

Mrs Giles took a group of children to Rosliston Forestry Centre to take part in a variety of Sports. The children had a great time on the play area.





We took part in archery just like Robin Hood from the year 5 and 6 end of year production. We also did table tennis and curling. The weather was glorious and we all had LOADS of fun! Thank you to our parent helpers and to Mrs Giles for taking the children once again.



KS1 TWYXCROSS ZOO ENRICHMENT VISIT

On Friday 9th June KS1 classes visited Twycross Zoo to learn all about animals and their habitats.



Children saw a wide variety of animals including elephants, giraffes, flamingos, penguins and lots and lots of monkeys! We focussed on looking at each enclosure and seeing how each one was different. Children also took part in a lesson with a zoo keeper to learn a little bit more about the zoo. During the lesson children also got to meet some of the zoo's residents! Kingfisher class met Alice the bearded dragon and Alan the giant hissing cockroach! The children represented the school extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed the day!

WOODPECKERS' CLASS ASSEMBLY

Woodpeckers class performed their first class assembly on Wednesday the 21st June. It was all about who is in the forest. The children learnt the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" and acted it out with everyone taking part. There were actions and costumes. Also they sang an echo song and a song about Little Red Riding Hood. Finally they showed everyone their paintings of the Gruffalo. The children and audience enjoyed the performance. Well done Woodpeckers. It was lovely to see so many parents there to encourage them on!



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RECEPTION CHILDREN HAVE AN ADVENTURE AT BIRCHES VALLEY

On Friday 9th June all the Reception children and staff went on an adventure to Birches Valley Forestry Centre in Rugeley. The children met their Ranger for the day who introduced them to a dragon called 'Naughty Norris'. He took their lunch and hid it. So the children had to explore the forest looking for it. On the way they collected minibests, food for squirrels, made shelters for fairies and made boggarts. Finally the children found their lunches and had a picnic. Everyone had a fantastic time and were very tired when they got home.

SAFEGUARD UPDATE:

e-schools : a letter will be sent out this week outlining the services that we will be transferring to e-schools (detailed in the last newsletter). This will ensure that the school continues to get best value for the services that we subscribe to. Please return the slip on the letter before the end of next week to enable us to migrate to the new provider. There will not be a change in the quality service provided for emailing, texting etc but we will save money as part of our cost cutting pledge – Miss Dixey detailed all the issues the school is facing on Newsletter Seven. If you missed this article, it can be found on the school web site.

Safeguarding: ONLINE SAFETY

FREE ONLINE SAFETY APP FOR CHILDREN

NSPCC's Childline has launched an app said to be the first to provide counselling to young people directly through their smartphone. This has been invented by four teenagers who wanted to use technology to address the urgent need for confidential support among young people, the '[For Me](#)' [app](#) is free to download in the UK and Channel Islands and has been specifically designed for discreet usage.



The app utilises all of Childline's online services - from the 1-2-1 chat function with a counsellor, the 'Ask Sam' problem pages and entrance to a private locker, in which is a daily mood tracker and personal journal.

For more information, please visit <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/for-me/>

If you have any queries regarding Online Safety, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Marriott or the schools safeguarding team (Miss Dixey, Mrs Toynebee and Mr Ormiston).

FORTHCOMING PTFA EVENTS

The school's Summer Fair is on Friday THIS WEEK! We are looking forward to welcoming you all. If you can spare time, please come and help set up or "man" a stall for a spell during the event. Please contact Mrs Hobson or Richard Davies.





A letter has also gone out to all families advertising the music festival at Etwall Cricket Club on Sunday 16th July. Tickets are on sale and selling fast!

WILDLIFE SIGNS AROUND SCHOOL

Members of the Eco-Council have been working hard to install wildlife information boards around the school grounds this term. If you take a look, you might be able to find an array of butterfly boards with a picture of the insect, the name and a little information about its lifestyle. There are also some much larger information boards for flowers, mini-beasts and pondlife. Keep your eyes peeled and see which wildlife you can identify from the boards!



RECYCLING CENTRE

The Eco Council have been busy taking all your old printer cartridges and finding the best price we can get from recycling companies. The empty cartridges are low in value but when we have a big box full they can be collected and school will receive a donation into our funds. Please keep dropping in your old cartridges into the labelled box in the entrance foyer.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Over the course of the summer term all the classes have had a 'growing' project to plant, weed, monitor and maintain. Across the school there are beds of fruit and vegetables growing at speed. There are potatoes in sacks,



tomatoes of all shapes and sizes, beans, beetroot, cabbages, cauliflowers, strawberries and a wealth of other produce. We aim to let the children eat what we can before the summer holiday and harvest the rest in September. We will then prepare the ground for the next planting in the autumn.



As we redevelop our vegetable plots over the coming year we would be really grateful for the support of willing adults to guide small groups of children when they are tasked to maintain the class vegetable garden. If you have a spare hour, or more, please contact your child's class teacher or Mr. Jowett to talk about our vision for this 'growing' project. Thank you.



BRITISH VALUES: RULE OF LAW DAY : 22ND JUNE

Today, all classes had a visit from two Police Community Support Officers (PCSO). They helped us to learn about the role of the police in stopping crime and keeping us all safe. It was agreed by all children that seeing Police Officers makes us feel safer and that they are there to help us and support us. Children enjoyed exploring a police car; looking at and discussing the equipment inside a police car. In addition to this, children learned about the importance of having rules and how laws in our country are made.

BRITISH VALUES: EPS DEMOCRACY AND GENERAL ELECTION DAY 2017

Children have been working hard to understand the process of a UK general election and how the decisions that voters make decide how our country is run. We learnt why it is important to vote. Children took part in role play activities in which political candidates tried to persuade children how to use their vote. In our hall, we set up a polling station and all children cast a vote. The votes were counted, and the results were announced in an assembly. The learning experience helped children gain an insight into how UK General Elections work, and begin to understand how this affects them and their families.



CLASSES AND STAFFING 2017-18

The children have been told which class they are in for September 2017 and also which teacher and teaching assistant that class will have from September. The next two days are "Changeover Days" when the staff and children all "move up" to their new classes. It's a time for your child to meet their new class and be able to spend some quality time with them along with their new teacher and teaching assistant. It is a positive time for all the children and a time when we encourage them to get to know their new class, some of whom they will already be good friends with and will have worked with in previous years. A summary of staffing for the next academic year is below:

Woodpeckers	Mrs Toynbee EYFS Leader Mrs Draper (Thursdays) Mrs Robinson (Mon- Wed, Fri)
Robins	Miss Cox Mrs Fisher-Jones
Kingfishers	Mrs Millward KS1 Leader Miss King



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Little Owls	Mr Ormiston Deputy Headteacher Mrs Swan (Tues/Wednesday) Mrs Carter
Falcons	Mr Jowett Mrs Dorrington
Kestrels	Miss Gale (Tues-Thus) Y3/4 Leader Mrs Dawson (Mon/Fri) Mrs Dickinson
Sparrowhawks	Miss Marriott Miss Jones
Ospreys	Mrs Dhillon (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Giles (Fridays) Mrs Hall
Eagles	Miss Warburton Y5/6 Leader Mrs Cheetham

Miss Dixey will continue to work 4 days a week (not Wednesdays) on which day Mr Ormiston will be Co-Head and Deputy Headteacher for the remainder of the week when Miss Dixey is working. Mrs Swan is a new member of the teaching staff appointed to work with Mr Ormiston in Little Owls class. We warmly welcome her to Etwall Primary School and look forward to seeing her in school for the changeover days.

We also welcome Mrs Fisher-Jones and Mrs Dickinson who will be working with us for a further year as Teaching Assistants. Mrs Bullock will sadly be retiring this year and we will miss her! Mrs East is also moving on to pastures new and will be taking up a new post with the SSSEN service. Governors have appointed Mrs Gabbitts to the post of School Business Officer to manage the school office and she will be joining us in September 2017. Mrs Afzal's contract will be coming to an end and she will also be leaving us at the end of term. Miss King will be returning to the classroom as a Teaching Assistant in September with Kingfisher class.

NOTICES FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



No matter how hard we try we have a never ending lost property basket! (no it's not magic just children's clothing!!) Please make sure ALL your child's belongings are CLEARLY NAMED (full name is best as your child may share initials with another!) and remember that after a few washes names written in pen tend to fade and disappear! All clothing left at the end of next week will be put in the PFTA clothing bank.

We have vacancies for relief midday supervisors to cover for illness etc, working from 11:55am to 1:20pm. If you are at all interested please call in at the school office or speak to Miss Dixey for more information.

Don't forget to let us know by 9:30am if your child is off school for any reason. It is school policy to ring home if no reason has been received in the office for safeguarding reasons. If your child has been sick or suffered from diarrhoea / vomiting, please leave 48 hours from the last 'episode' before they



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return to school. For any absence, on their return please send in a letter confirming the reason for the absence.

Dates: please put up somewhere at home or in your diary.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL WEB SITE CALENDAR – for key dates for 2016-17

INSET Days for 2016-17 : Children **will not** be in school on the remaining INSET day: Monday 10th July 2017. INSET dates for 2017-18 will be sent out in Newsletter 1 Sept 2017.

JULY

4 th / 5 th	Changeover days in school. Y6 go to JPS for these 2 days.
Thurs 6 th	“Woman in Engineering” day – 8 Y6 girls to JCB Academy with Mrs Cheetham
Fri 7 th	School Safeguarding audit Miss Dixey/Mrs Jones Safeguarding Governor
Fri 7th	5pm – 7pm PTFA Summer fair EVERYONE WELCOME!
Mon 10th	whole school INSET day – no children in school
Tues 11 th	Derbyshire cricket final / cycling final / Tennis Final – Trent College
Thurs 13 th	9.05am Flute assembly for chn and parents of chn playing flute with Katie Smith
Thurs 13 th	2pm and 6pm Y5/6 show for families – tickets only
Fri 14 th	School Reports to be sent home via children
Mon 17 th	3.45pm to 5.30pm Open Evening for all parents to speak to current class teacher and also meet new class teachers. No appointments.
Tues 18 th	KS2 (voluntary) homework showcase for children and families
Tues 18 th	5.15pm Governors school progress meeting
Thurs 20 th	Summer review meeting with DCC School Improvement Partner, Governor and Headteacher
Fri 21 st	End of Summer Term 2017

Any changes in dates will be advertised well in advance and a text sent out.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s class teacher, Miss Dixey or Miss Warburton should you have any concerns or questions. Thank you.

Sally Dixey,
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