

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

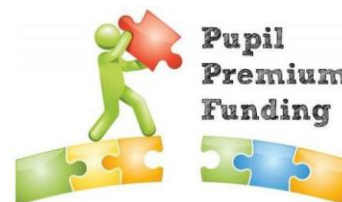
Dear parents and carers,

What a busy term! Don't forget to keep looking on the school web site – class pages – for up to date news about your child's class and what learning is taking place. The school calendar is also full of dates for the year.

### **Is Your Child Entitled To Pupil Premium Funding?**

As you may be aware, the issue of education funding has been in the news a lot recently, with schools facing reduced budgets alongside increased costs. At Etwall we are no different and a number of difficult decisions have had to be made regarding expenditure for 2018-19. The situation is not expected to improve in the foreseeable future, as the government seeks to reduce costs still further.

One way that schools such as ours look to support pupils learning is through Pupil Premium funding, which allowed us to provide additional support to pupils in a variety of ways throughout 2017-18, for example enrichment activities, in class support through Teaching Assistants, funding for inclusion and targeted interventions for pupils with additional needs. The bulk of our funding goes to provide specific support for Pupil Premium children through Teaching Assistants and dedicated intervention staff and, as such, is a key source of funding for the school.



People often see the Pupil Premium as 'Free School Meals' when, as we have shown, the reality is much more than that. By signing up for Pupil Premium funding, you will have a direct impact on improving the education of both your child and those across the school for the next 6 years.

Your child will receive:

- Additional support in the form of a Teaching Assistant in morning lessons on a daily basis
- Specific 'pre-learning' sessions from class teachers as appropriate
- 50% funded enrichment activity
- Discounted wrap around care (breakfast and after school club)
- 50% funded extra-curricular activities such as sports, Imagineering and language clubs
- discounted music lessons should they wish to learn how to play a musical instrument, cost dependent on music provider – please enquire in school.
- Subsidies for residential visits
- Provision of free books relating to the interests of each child up to the value of £20 per year
- Contributions towards school uniform costs - £25 a year ordered through the school
- Free milk if required
- Free nutritious school meals on a daily basis

**You are eligible for Pupil Premium funding if: you receive income support; income-based jobseekers' allowance; income-related employment and support allowance; support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; the guaranteed element of state pension credit; child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less; universal credit**





**You are also eligible if your child is defined in the Children Act 1989 as: one who is in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, an English local authority; children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order; or has a parent who is in the armed forces**

If you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding, please contact the school office. We will happily discuss this with you and even fill the forms in on your behalf. ***The school is trying to be more proactive in reaching parents whose children may be entitled to this funding – please return the form sent with this newsletter to support us in this. A hard copy will also be sent home with your child.***

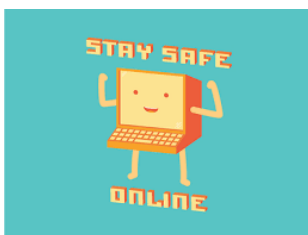
Please help us to help your child and their fellow pupils.

### **SCHOOL SPORT ROUND-UP**

This term has been a relatively quiet one on the school sports front, however the Spring will bring plenty of opportunities for competitive sport. Between now and Easter, we have signed up to do Y5/6 indoor football league, Y5/6 dodgeball, EYFS/Y1 early racers, Y5/6 tag rugby, KS2 swimming gala, whole school gymnastics, Y3/4 football competition, KS1 football festival and a KS2 girls football festival! Make sure your children listen out over the coming weeks if they are keen to participate in any of the events mentioned.

### **KEEP SAFE COMMITTEE**

Miss Marriott would like to thank the staff and parents, who have already joined our Keep Safe Committee. So far, we have re-established our group, outlined our aims, roles and responsibilities and discussed how the way we communicate information to parents and carers can be improved. The committee will be meeting in January (date to be confirmed) to review how we currently teach Online Safety in school. If you are interested in joining our group, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Marriott (Online Safety Leader).



### **ONLINE SAFETY**

Miss Marriott would like to thank all of the parents who completed the Online Safety questionnaire during the Parent Consultation Evenings in October. Since then, the information that Miss Marriott has been sending out has continued to focus on the main concerns identified in a previous survey. The results of the October questionnaires have been collated and the top 5 concerns are:

- apps my children are using,
- cyberbullying,
- inappropriate content,
- YouTube,
- social media.

The most popular forms of communication are via class newsletters and Facebook. Information regarding 'Apps my children are using' will be sent out at the beginning of January.

### **COMPUTING SHOWCASES**

KS2 would like to thank all of the parents/grandparents/carers who attended our Computing workshops. The children really enjoyed displaying their





coding/programming skills to the attending adults. We are hoping to continue to develop these skills through We Do Lego Education and Scratch throughout the year.

### **SCHOOL OFFICE NOTICES**

Mrs Day & Mrs Collins would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and to thank you for the lovely presents of cakes and chocolates that we have received. Slimming World will have two additional members in the New Year!

Mrs Randhawa is currently off work and we all send her our love and best wishes.



**Dinner Money** : Thank you to everyone who has paid their child's dinner money up to the end of term – this really helps with our administration processes. If you haven't done this, please can all dinner accounts be brought up to date as soon as possible as dinner money should never be owing. If you don't know how much you owe, please contact the office who will be happy to help.

By way of a reminder, school dinners are currently £2.10 per day and £10.50 per week. You can pay by cash or cheque (payable to DCC). It is not the schools policy to give change so please ensure you have the correct money placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. If you wish to pay for the whole half term, this will be £63.00

**School attendance** : We have noticed that punctuality has started slipping over the last term. The school day starts at 8.55 and finishes at 3.30. Any child arriving late **MUST** be accompanied by an adult and come to the office so as we are able to mark them as present and gain a reason for the late attendance.

Could we also ask parents to leave via the correct exits and NOT via reception, in line with our safeguarding procedures.

**Contact Details** : Please ensure that if any of your contact details change you keep the school informed. This includes addresses, telephone numbers, emails etc., it is essential that the school is able to contact you, both to keep you informed of what is happening in school and if we need to contact you in case of an emergency.

**New Staff** : We would like to welcome Mrs Joanne Morley, Mrs Claire Allen and Mrs Linda Sharp to our lunchtime team, they have certainly boosted our numbers to keep your children safe over the lunchtime period, we would like to wish them well in their new roles.

**Other Reminders** : Please call us first thing in the morning when your child is absent – this means we don't have to contact you to chase up!

**School Messages** : coming via Eschools and letters all uploaded onto the website. If you still experiencing problems with the Eschools app, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.





### **SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 – RECEPTION CHILDREN**



If you have a child born between 01.09.2014 and 31.08.2015, just a quick reminder that you need to apply for your child's Reception school place by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019** with Derbyshire County Council.

### **EXITING SCHOOL BUILDING**

Polite reminder that the front entrance doors should **only** be used if you need to speak to the Admin staff in the school office. ***Please do not use this as an exit door in the mornings – KS1 use class external doors, KS2 use exits by Osprey class please.***



### **END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS**



If you are changing your child's end of school collection arrangements ***as a one off***, please remember to tell your child's class teacher/TA in the morning. The school office receive many messages throughout the day about collection arrangements and it would really help if this were sorted in the morning with the teacher and not via the school office. However, we do understand that sometimes circumstances change during the day and a message has to come through. Any permanent changes, please make the changes on the Home time Arrangements form at the school office. A copy is then updated in class. Thank you

### **KS2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. HELEN'S CHURCH**



Well done to all of the Key Stage 2 children who made us all very proud when they went to Church this week to perform the Christmas carol concert. The singing was beautiful, the readers were very clear. Both performances were performed to full churches, and they really got everyone into the Christmas spirit. Thank you to Mrs Blake for organising and practicing with the school choir – they were fabulous!

### **EYFS CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 2018 : Christmas Around the World 2018**

The children performed their Nativity story with enthusiasm. They learned all the words and songs and know the actions too. They also found out about how children celebrate Christmas in other parts of the world. Parents and friends came and really enjoyed their performance. Thank you to everyone who helped with costumes the children looked great too.



### **PTFA – THANK YOU.**

Our massive thanks to the PTFA for running the highly successful Secret Santa event, which the children loved, and also the Christmas hamper Event. These are two really popular events in our annual calendar and they could not be run without the dedication of our PTFA members. THANK YOU. The class







hampers were HUGE and really appreciated by all our winners. Thank you to all parents for supporting the non-uniform day a while ago, which resulted in our best hampers yet!

### **BETHLEHEM'S BUZZIN'**



This year's nativity was a take on the Nativity Story from the view point of 5 dishonest stall holders. The children worked really hard to learn their lines and the songs. During the term a huge effort went into finding costumes, staging the show and setting up the stage. The show was well received by all the parents and family members that came along. Thank you to all the support in learning lines, costumes and supporting the PTFA coffee shop.

### **ROLLS ROYCE GOVERNOR GRANT**

We are very fortunate to have several governors who work at Rolls Royce, which gives us the opportunity to apply for the Rolls Royce governor grant for STEM resources on an annual basis. Last year we received enough to purchase Snap Circuits for the school, which allow children to create a variety of electrical circuits using robust materials as inputs and outputs. This year we were lucky enough to be successful once again and have decided to purchase a 3D printer in order to enhance the children's learning opportunities with respect to both



art and design & technology. We look forward to keeping you updated with this exciting project and what it produces for us in the coming months.



### **EYFS CHRISTMAS CRAFT MORNING**

On Monday we had a Christmas Craft Morning with the friends and families of the EYFS. The children made decorations with each other and had lots of fun.

### **SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES**

*Lunchtime Sports Clubs* – a wide variety of free sessions to cover EYFS, KS1 and KS2 with a different sporting focus for each term. Last year, sessions covered dodgeball, multi-sports, orienteering, cricket, boccia, tennis, dodgeball, mini hockey, orienteering and cricket. This will be run by Progressive Sports

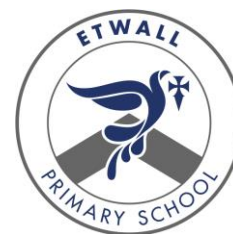
*This Girl Can* – Free, half hour sessions for KS1 and KS2 focussing on developing sporting skills and increasing uptake of competitive sports for girls. This will be run by Progressive Sports.

*Gymnastics - Monday afternoons* – two, hour-long sessions (KS1 3:30pm – 4:30pm and KS2 4:30pm – 5:30pm) working on gymnastic ability and towards the British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards. This will be run by Active Bodies.

*Soccerstars* – *Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm for KS1 and Thursday 3:30pm – 4:30pm for KS2* – Football based skills based drills and small sided games. This will be run by Soccerstars.

*Various Sporting Clubs - Wednesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm* – an hour-long session for KS1 and KS2, focussing on a different sport each term throughout the year. Last year, sessions covered dance, sports hall athletics, orienteering, multi-sports, cricket and tennis and this year will be much the same. This will be run by Progressive Sports.





*Karate – Friday 3:30pm – 4:30pm* – We will be continuing with the popular karate club, which has been running for a number of years. It will initially be offered to KS2 children, with the possibility of a KS1 offering dependent on numbers. This will be run by UK Karate Jutsu.

### **NON-SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES**



*Yoga – Tuesday lunchtimes* – two, half hour sessions for KS1 and KS2 children focussing on relaxation techniques and the principles and practices of yoga for all pupils. This will be run by Yogic Frog.

*French – Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:05pm (KS1) and Wednesday 3:30pm – 4:05pm (Y3/4)* – We will be continuing our well-received French language offering as we have done in previous years. This will be run by La Jolie Ronde.

*Imagineering – Monday 3:30pm – 4:30pm* – Our after school club with a focus on engineering will be continuing, giving Y5/6 children the opportunity to build models and explore what it takes to become an engineer.

*Code Club – Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm* – Code club, looking at programming language and the skills needed to become a computer programmer. This club will be open to Y3/4 children. TBC

*Lego Club – Tuesday lunchtimes (KS1) and Friday lunchtimes (KS2)* – Mrs Robinson will be giving the opportunity to make new friends and build lego models for free at the same time, throughout the year.

As you can see, we have tried to provide a balance of activities to interest as many children as possible throughout the year. Please take the time to discuss the contents of this letter with your child and keep your eyes peeled for further information on all of the above, as letters will be sent out in due course.



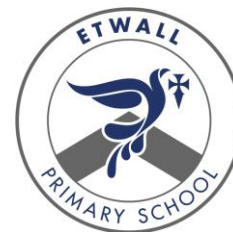
**Dates: please put up somewhere at home or in your diary.**

**PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL WEB SITE CALENDAR – for key dates for 2018-19**

**INSET Days for 2018-19** : Children **will not** be in school on these further 2 days. Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Term	School dates Enrichment visits / visitors / days	Governor dates
Spr 3	29/1 PTFA Committee meeting 1/2 Y3/4 residential balance due 4/2 PTFA film night KS2 supervise 4-8/2 Internet safety week 5/2 Safer internet day 15/2 PTFA dress down Recycle Day 15/2 Last day of term	22/1 Gov Resource Committee  12/2 Gov Teaching and Learning Committee meeting
Spr 4	1/3 Book People bus to visit school 5-9/3 Waste week 7/3 World Book Day 25/3 Parent Consultations	19/3 Gov FGB meeting





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	27/3 Parent Consultations 5/4 School Council chocolate bingo event 2/4 Autism Awareness Day 9/4 KS2 Easter service at St Helen's 10/4 KS1 Easter service at St Helen's 10-12/4 Y3/4 residential to Mount Cook 12/4 Last day of term	

*Any changes in dates will be advertised well in advance and we endeavour to send out reminders*

***We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year from all the children, staff and governors. We look forward to the New Year and all it will bring.***

**Sally Dixey, Headteacher and Richard Ormiston, Deputy Headteacher/Co-Head (Wednesday)**

**Headteacher**

