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Dear Parents,

Website

We have a new, really easy-to-use website. It is much easier to maintain and update than our previous one. I am very grateful to Tim McLachlan for all the time and effort he has put into developing it over the last few weeks, and for his expertise. He has done a fantastic job on it. Thank you Tim.

It is well worth having a look at; it should become the best way to keep up-to-date with what is happening and when. It has a calendar of events which includes the dates for clubs and much more. This calendar replaces the traditional clubs 'dates' letter (which saves you having to keep it for reference!) and the list of events which I send out at the beginning of the year, making any alterations much easier to communicate quickly.

The website will also allow us to make the 'Bickerton Bulletin' readily available at home. Again, this will replace the traditional paper copy, though the members of Magazine Club will get their own paper copy, and paper copies will be available on request if you wish, with a charge to cover the cost.

The website address is www.bickertonprimaryschool.net.

PTA

The PTA does a superbly valuable job in our school and I would like to thank everyone involved in any way in its organisation and in the running of the many events which add so much to our school. These include such things as the monthly 'coffee and croissants mornings', the Christmas Fair, Easter Bingo, the summer BBQ and many others. A lot of work goes into the events which have two main purposes: the first is social, the second to raise funds to improve what we can offer our children. Bag packing on Friday raised £260. Thank you to everyone who took part.





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Your support for the PTA's events has provided funds towards many recent projects including the whole school theatre visit at Christmas, the canopy outside Class 1, ongoing recorder tuition for Year 2 to 6, laptops and ICT equipment, and playground markings.

Free School Meals

If you think your children might be eligible for Free School Meals, it is well worth looking at the eligibility criteria on Cheshire East's Website. Not only would it be beneficial for your children if you meet the criteria, but it would also be very helpful to school if everyone who could claim meals did so.

Facebook and Children's Parties

This is a difficult message to have to send home. We have had a few problems recently concerning children's parties, something which should not be anything to do with school, but which unfortunately does have a considerable impact here on the children. If you are inviting children to a party, please consider the impact it might have on a child and their family if that child is the only one in the class who is not invited.

Also, as always, if you have an issue you would like to raise, please do come into school to talk to me, Stella or your child's class teacher. Facebook is not a good place to air your views. It is quite an open public space and what is put on Facebook will often find its way back to people who all work extremely hard to do their very best for your children and for you.

Our school is in a very good situation. High standards of teaching and learning, a very positive attitude to embracing curriculum change and exciting innovations taking place, along with a great deal of very positive feedback from parents in all classes are causes for celebration. Success in sporting competitions and some superb musical achievements add greatly to the rounded education we provide for our children. The governors and staff are very happy with the direction of the school – it is a great place to be. Thank you for all the support you give. It is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Sweetnam, Head Teacher

