



# The Weekly Hill

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## Headteacher's Column

Welcome back, I hope that you have managed to make the most of the beautiful weather over the last couple of weeks. It is difficult to believe once again that we are approaching the end of another year here at Etching Hill!

The school has been buzzing with activity this week; children are getting ready for their sports days, practising chosen events on the field. Please make sure you take note of the last page of the newsletter detailing all of the exciting things coming up in June and July, including our annual sporting events.

The PTFA are already busily planning what we hope will be another successful Summer Fete on Friday July 7th—if you or someone you know has a business that would be willing to donate a prize for our Summer raffle, we would hugely appreciate this. More information about the Fete can be found on page 2.

With all of our Summer plans, we are keeping fingers crossed that the weather continues to be kind to us!

Mrs M Smith  
Headteacher

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We are very excited to be hosting The Etching Hill colour run in July—not only will this be a fantastic opportunity for us to raise money for an amazing charity, but it will also be a huge amount of fun! Due to the busy time of year, we have had to change the date slightly, this will now take place on Thursday 20th July. The event will take place on the school field at the following times:-

**Reception**— Colour run will be at the end of the school day.

**Years 1, 2 and 3**—Colour run will be 2.00-2.30pm

**Years 4, 5 and 6**—Colour run will be 2.45-3.15pm

Children **MUST** wear sunglasses to take part (to protect eyes from the paint) and will need an old white t-shirt. **PLEASE BE AWARE THEY WILL GET VERY MESSY!**

More info to follow about charity chosen by our School Council, and how sponsorship will work.



**Etching Hill PTFA Summer Fayre**  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 5:00-7:00**  
**Entry Free or Voluntary Donation is Welcome**



**Games, Bouncy Castles,  
Face painting, Live entertainment,  
Food, Drinks and much more.**

The Summer Fayre is upon us once again, we can't wait to bring you what we hope will be another fantastic family event filled with entertainment, good food and an opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate another successful year of Etching Hill.

We would be so grateful for your support to help us host a wonderful event, in the following ways:-

**Fri 16th June**—Non-uniform day in school and we ask for a £1 donation

**Fri 30th June**—Non-uniform day in school and we ask for a bottle donation for our famous stall

**Fri 7th July**—Non-Uniform day in school in return for filled jars for our jar stall



***Jar ideas:-***

*From sweets and treats, crafts and biscuits to bath salts and toys—we are never disappointed with the creative filled, pretty jars that we receive for our jar stall.*

*Our only stipulation is that the jar is filled with something useful, tasty or enjoyable. We have had stationery sets, cooking ingredients, household items, sweets, treats, toiletries, cleaning items, toys, collectables, and EVERYTHING you can think of!*

*We can't wait to see what you come up with—get saving those jars!*

*Thank you.*

# RSE Day 29th June

RSE Day on 29th June 2023 is a day to celebrate Relationships, Sex and Health Education that promotes the wellbeing of, and safeguards, children and young people. The theme this year is 'Let's Launch into Kindness'. Parents and carers have an important role to play in teaching children and young people about healthy relationships. RSE Day highlights that RSE is the responsibility of all and is an opportunity for families and schools to work in partnership. We would love for you to choose some activities from the list below and share with us how you have 'Launched into Kindness!'



1. Be kind to the environment: plant a wild flower garden; make bird feeders together; create a mini pond; go on a litter pick; explore what nature is on your doorstep.
2. Be kind to animals: leave food out for the birds; make an insect hotel; make nesting boxes; weed your neighbour's garden.
3. Be kind to the planet: walk rather than taking the car; try eating vegan for a day or more; turn the tap off when brushing your teeth; shorten your shower.
4. Be kind to your body: put on your favourite music and dance around the house; cook a nutritious meal together; go to bed early.
5. Be kind to your mind: create a feelings collage; practice some breathing exercises; read a book together; listen to music.
6. Have a kindness day where all the family take it in turns to do something nice for someone else, this could be making their favourite treat, doing the washing up or something else a family member will appreciate.
7. Make paper aeroplanes with messages of kindness. Fly them to your friends or neighbours.
8. Make a family appreciation box. Decorate a box and fill it with notes about what you appreciate about each other. Take the box out every so often to look through the notes and remember how you feel about one another.
9. As a family, decorate stones with kind words. Leave these around your neighbourhood for people to find. Talk with your child/ren about how it feels when someone is kind to us. Ask them to imagine the impact they have had on the people who find their stones.



## List of Courses - Summer 2023

Progressive Sports holiday courses guarantee to give you peace of mind as a parent. They are amazing fun for your child and are also led by highly qualified staff in secure and safe environments.

For ages  
**4-13**  
years

VENUE	24th – 28th July	31st July – 4th August	7th-11th August	14th – 18th August	21st-26th August	29th Aug – 1st Sept
Chase Terrace Academy, Bridge Cross Road, Burntwood, WS7 2DB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The de Ferrers Academy, St Mary's Drive, Burton On Trent, DE13 0LL		✓	✓	✓	✓	
The Hart School, Penkridge Bank Road, Rugeley, WS15 2UE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Picknalls First School, Oldfield Road, Uttoxeter, ST14 7QL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Landywood Primary School, Holly Lane, Great Wyrley, WS6 6AQ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
St Stephen's Primary School, Church Lane, Fradley WS13 8NL		✓	✓			
St Elizabeth's Primary School, Claremont Road, Tamworth, B79 8EN		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Scotch Orchard Primary School, Scotch Orchard, Lichfield, WS13 6DE		✓	✓	✓	✓	
All Saints Primary School, Furlong Close, Alrewas, DE13 7EE		✓	✓	✓	✓	

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**24th July - 1st September 2023**

 Progressive <b>Active Camps</b> <small>Be happy, be healthy, be active</small>	Early Bird Book Before 23rd June	Advance Book Before 7th July	Standard No deadline for bookings
<b>Daily &amp; Weekly Prices</b>	Individual Days <b>£20</b> Full Week <b>£89</b>	Individual Days <b>£22</b> Full Week <b>£94</b>	Individual Days <b>£25</b> Full Week <b>£99</b>
<b>Early Drop-Off &amp; Late Pick-Up</b> (8.30-9.30 & 4.30-5.30)	<b>£3</b> per hour	<b>£3</b> per hour	<b>£4</b> per hour

**Further Discounts: 10% OFF for Siblings**

**What your child will need...**

Please can you make sure children have a packed lunch, drinks and appropriate clothing for sport.

## SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event Details
Week of 12th June	Y1 Phonic Screening Check
Thurs 15th June	6 Blackman Assembly 9am Parents invited
Thurs 22nd June	EYFS Sports day 9.15am Cross County Finals
Fri 23rd June	Y1—3 Sports Day 9.15am Y4-6 Sports Day 1pm
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Trust Athletics Competition
Wed 5th July	Y6 Beach Day—Weston Super Mare
Thurs 6th July	End of Year Reports to Parents
Fri 7th July	Transition Day—whole school
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' performance
Thurs 20th July	Etching Hill—The Colour Run 2023
Fri 21st July	Y6 Leavers Church Service (Parents Invited—9.15am start)
Fri 21st July	Final day in school for children—2pm finish
24th-25th July	<b>INSET DAYS 4 &amp; 5</b> —school closed to children
26th July—3rd September	Summer Holidays
4th September	<b>INSET DAY 1 2023-2024</b> (Insets days 2-5 to be confirmed)
5th September	Return to school for Autumn Term
30th October-3rd November	October Half Term
6th November	Return to school
Friday 22nd December	Break up at 2pm for Christmas Holidays
23rd Dec—7th January 2024	Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January 2024	Return to school



**Please ensure you  
are mindful of  
parking around  
our school!**