



# Ecclesbourne Primary School

## Newsletter Friday 10th October 2014



### Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is well underway and already the children are starting to get out and about on exciting educational visits. Year 6 have been to Broadstone Warren on a team building day and to a Citizenship Day. The children had a great time on both trips and received many compliments about their behaviour. Well done to them. Year 3 have been to Crystal Palace Park and Year 2 are off to London next week. Reception will be off to 'Build a Bear', Year 1 will be visiting the library and there are also exciting visits and workshops coming in to school. With so much going on, it is important to keep an eye out for letters and to check the website regularly so you have all the information you need.

**Starting the day** Although we will still be keeping a close eye on attendance this year, it appears that the vast majority of children understand how important it is to be in school every day. We can now turn our focus to punctuality and I will be working with our Education Welfare Officer to help those families who find it hard to get their children into school on time. Again, the vast majority of children are on time (in fact last week there were only 33 lates out of a possible 2230 attendances - just over 1%) but there are some persistent offenders and I would like to see this number reduced. I'm looking forward to the week when I can write to you all to say that we had no children late all week. Hopefully, we can all work together to achieve this.

**A few polite reminders** In order to make the school a better place for all, please read and heed the following reminders. For everyone's safety, all children on bikes and scooters must dismount before they enter the school gates. If you have changed your mobile phone recently, please remember to give us your most up to date details. Now that the weather is changing, please check that any coats coming in to school are clearly labelled. (Note that Pegasus coats and fleeces are available through the website). If your child is in key stage two and has a school lunch, please make sure that your account is kept in credit. Finally, as ever, please be mindful when parking at the front of the school. This situation seems to be much improved since the start of term so please let's try to keep it up. Thank you.

**Macmillan coffee morning** Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Macmillan coffee morning and those of you who donated cakes and money. The school managed to raise £182 which will go to supporting the valuable work of this excellent charity. Thank you.

**Parents' evenings** Hopefully, you have all seen the letter that came home this week about parents' evenings. This is a vitally important opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to see how they have settled and to discuss the expectations for the year ahead. If you have not yet made an appointment for next week, please contact your class teacher to arrange a time.

### Diary dates

<b>Mon 20th October</b>	Black History Week begins
<b>Fri 24th October</b>	Last day of half-term
<b>Mon 3rd November</b>	First day back at school
<b>Friday 14th November</b>	Mars class assembly 11:00am
<b>Monday 17th November</b>	Maths week begins

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