



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 11th September 2015



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It is lovely to see all of our pupils again after the summer holidays, looking well-rested and ready to get back to learning. I am excited about the year ahead and looking forward to building on last year's successes and further improving Ecclesbourne for your children. There are, as always, lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead. Our teachers and team leaders have been busily planning an assortment of educational visits to enhance our curriculum and Mrs Christopher is making sure our after-school clubs are of the highest quality. Keep an eye out for letters about what is going on in school and remember to keep up to date through the website at www.pegasusacademytrust.org.

Starting the day well: As ever, we will be keeping a close watch on attendance and punctuality. Last year, overall attendance at the school was 96.1% and although this is above the government target of 95% there is still room for improvement. Being in school every day gives your child the consistency they need to support their learning. Similarly, we want all the children to have the best possible start to the school day. The doors open at 8.45am and teachers have various types of early work available in class from this time. It is a really good idea to aim to get your child into class by 8.45am, as this ensures that they are never late for school and they are calm and settled when they begin the day. Take advantage of this, and your child will benefit from an extra 1 ¼ hours of learning a week.

Jeans for Genes Day/ MacMillan Coffee Morning: This year, on Friday 18th September, we will be supporting the charity event 'Jeans for Genes'. This is a national event that encourages people to wear their jeans to work or school for a small donation. The money goes to support the charity in its valuable work supporting children with genetic disorders. A letter should have already come home with details but more information can be found at jeansforgenesday.org. As well as this we will also once again be supporting the MacMillan Coffee Morning event. This is a great chance to come in to school, meet some other parents, join in some classroom activities, eat some cake and have a chat. Again, details will come home in a letter. Please help us to support these important events.

Uniforms and lost property: Thank you to everyone for adhering to the school uniform policy when replacing uniform over the summer. The children have returned looking so smart and I know that this can be a costly venture. With this in mind, please help us to reduce your costs by making sure that all items brought in to school are clearly labelled. If you put your child's name and class in your child's uniform, it has a much better chance of being returned to you. Please check all uniform that you have at home and make sure that it is labelled.

Cashless Trips: This year, in an effort to reduce the risk of having large amounts of cash on the school premises, we will be moving towards a system where all trips will be paid for using the Parent Pay system. This will mean that you will no longer have to send your child in with cash and will be able to pay for trips by simply going on line or visiting one of the many Pay Points in local shops. We hope that this will make things easier and safer for parents. Full details of how trips can be paid for will come out with letters about trips and we will always be happy to help if you are unsure of what to do.

Diary dates

Fri 18th Sept	Jeans For Genes Day
Fri 25th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thurs 17th Sept	PAT Year 6 Secondary Transfer meeting
Tues 13th Oct	Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm
Thurs 15th Oct	Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm
Fri 23rd Oct	Last day of half-term

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