



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter 12th May 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really busy time in school these past few weeks. As well as preparing the children for assessments, we've also managed to find the time to ensure that your children are enjoying a broad and balanced curriculum that doesn't just focus on reading, writing and maths. We all know that primary school is about more than those subjects which is why we ensure that the children have lots of memorable experiences while they are here. Our Nursery children have been to Ladyland farm to have a look at the animals and even ride a tractor. Last week, the children in Reception had a visit from Zoolab and got to handle all sorts of creepy crawlies. Hermit crabs, tarantulas and millipedes were all on show to support the children's learning in their Minibeasts topic. Year 5 have been out and about too with a visit to the Tower of London. They all came back with tales of crime and punishment from the past and were very excited to have seen the Crown Jewels. There are many more trips lined up for other year groups and I always look forward to hearing about the children's days out. I would also like to extend my thanks to all the staff who work hard to organise the trips and to any parents who offer to help on the day. I know that, fun as they are, they can be a very tiring experience!

Sun hats and sun cream Hopefully, we will start to see some better weather now that Summer is coming. Please be mindful of the weather on really sunny days and take steps to protect your children from the sun. Children can wear sun hats in the playground but sun cream should be put on before children come to school as staff are not allowed to assist with this. On a subject related to hats, can I remind parents that bows, clips and other hair accessories should be discrete and in school colours. Large, elaborate 'JoJo' bows are not part of school uniform. Thank you.

Year 6 SATs Well done to all the year 6 children who completed their end of key stage tests this week. The children have been working incredibly hard all year to get ready and we are very proud of them. They did a really good job and were really able to demonstrate all they have been learning about resilience and perseverance.

Parent Questionnaire Thank you to everyone who took part in our annual parental questionnaire. We had over 120 responses and on the whole they were very positive so thank you. We will be looking closely at the results and your comments to find out what we can do to make Ecclesbourne even better for you and your children.

Attendance Last week's attendance award winners were Shooting Stars with 99.6%. Well done to them.

Reception spaces At the moment, it looks like we have a few spaces left for children starting school in September so, if you know of anyone new to the area who is looking for a school, send them along to the office and we'll be happy to show them around.

Other events in the coming weeks

Friday 26th May - End of half term

Monday 5th June— Back to school

Thursday 8th June School closed for polling station

Wednesday 14th June – KS2 Sports' Day

Thursday 15th June – KS1 Sports' Day

Friday 23rd June INSET day—school closed

Wednesday 28th June— Year 6 production

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