



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 12th September 2014



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It's has been lovely to see all of our pupils again after the summer holidays, looking well-rested, beautifully turned out in their new uniforms and ready to learn. 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 your eye out for letters about what is going on in school.

Starting the day well: As ever, we will be keeping a close watch on attendance and punctuality this year. Over the past two years, we have made great strides in improving attendance at the school and it is important that we keep making progress. With your help, we can improve even further so please make every effort to ensure your child is in school every day. 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.

Universal free school meals: A reminder that all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a free school meal under a new government initiative. As yet, there are a number of children who have not taken advantage of this scheme despite it offering the opportunity for a healthy, hot meal. Children do not have to have the school meal everyday so call in to collect the menu and start planning the days that you don't have to make a packed lunch. If your child insists on having a packed lunch, please think carefully about how healthy it is. This week, I saw a packed lunch that consisted of two bags of crisps and nothing else! Not the sort of nutritious meal that will help a child learn throughout the afternoon.

Lost property: We have only been back at school a week and already the lost property box is overflowing. On Wednesday I counted 12 Ecclesbourne jumpers, none of which had a name in. 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.

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Paul Robins—
Head of School
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Calling all parents: Are you interested in your child's education and what is happening at the school? We are looking for new members of our academy council (MACs). We need committed people who are prepared to use their interest to challenge the school leadership and help drive things forward. Can you spare roughly 3 evenings and a few days a year to help make a difference? If you are interested, please speak to Mr Robins.

Diary dates

Fri 26th Sept
Thurs 2nd Oct
Tues 14th Oct
Thurs 16th Oct
Fri 10th Oct
(11:00am)
Mon 20th Oct
Fri 24th Oct

Macmillan Coffee Morning
PAT Year 6 Secondary Transfer meeting
Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm
Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm
Harvest Assembly led by Saturn class

Black History Week begins
Last day of half-term