



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 13th September 2013



Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever, it has been a busy start to the term but the children have all settled well into their new classes and made a good start to the year. It is lovely to see all the children returning to school and hear all their news. Many thanks to all the parents who have followed the guidance on school uniform and shoes; the children coming back look so smart and it creates a very positive feel in the school. Already there are lots of exciting events lined up for the school year so please keep an eye on the website and on newsletters, as we will try to give you as much notice as possible. I am excited about the new year and look forward to working with you to build on the achievements of last year.

Parent Members of the Academy Council A letter went out earlier this week explaining about elections for members of the school's academy council. This is a great way to get involved in the life of the school and to support us in driving improvement. I would urge anyone interested to put their name forward and join us in helping make Ecclesbourne even better.

Punctuality and Attendance As ever, we are keeping a close eye on attendance at the school and working closely with our Education Welfare Officer. Last year's overall attendance was marginally better than the previous year but there is still room for improvement. Please note that, in line with amendments to Department for Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays cannot be granted. The amendments make it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Remember gates open at 8:30am, doors are open from 8:45am and the register is taken at 9:00am.

Class Assemblies This year we will be inviting parents in to watch the children in class assemblies. This is a great opportunity to visit the school and find out more about what your child has been learning in class. Dates for class assemblies are posted on the website already so please make the effort to come and support your child.

Macmillan Coffee Morning We will be running a fundraising Coffee Morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care, on the morning of **Friday 27th September**. Keep an eye out for posters and letters giving more details of the event.

Other events in the coming weeks

Monday 23rd September Year 1 Phonics meeting for Parents 9:15am

Wednesday 25th September Year 6 Trip to Broadstone Warren

Friday 27th September Macmillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 2nd October Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting for Parents 6—7pm.

Monday 7th October Year 1 to Thornton Heath Library

Wednesday 9th October Year 2 to Museum of London

Friday 18th October Harvest

15th and 16th October Parents' Evenings

Week Beginning 21st October Black History Week

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