

Ecclesbourne Primary School Newsletter 13th June 2014



## **Dear Parents and Carers,**

It seems that summer has finally arrived and it is great to be able to get out onto the field and enjoy the sunshine. Although the long summer holiday is looming on the horizon, at school this is a particularly busy time of year with trips, reports and end of year assessments going on. We will be working hard with your children right up until the end of term to consolidate all the academic gains they have made this year. It is important that children keep progressing so they are ready to move up and on to the next stage of their education. Please encourage your children to keep up with their reading and homework to support the work they are doing in school.

**Parking.** Once again I find myself returning to the topic of parking around the school. It seems that many parents have short memories and have forgotten that it is not so long ago that a child was knocked down because of the traffic caused by inconsiderate parking. Please do not park on the yellow lines and be considerate to our neighbours when dropping off at school. Better still, enjoy the sunshine, park 5 minutes away and walk to school with your child as this provides a good opportunity to talk to them about how they are getting on at school.

<u>Uniform and Badges</u> When thinking about your child's uniform for the new school year, please note that as of September the old style Ecclesbourne Primary School badge will no longer be permitted on school uniform. The old badge is recognisable by being indented on the top. The new badge is a straight topped shield as seen on the top right of this page.

**Bicycles and Scooters**. It is good to see so many children choosing the healthy option of cycling or scooting to school. The children are welcome to leave their scooters and bikes locked up at school for the day but please ensure that your child dismounts and walks once they are on the school grounds. Again this is for the safety of everyone but particularly the younger siblings of our school children

<u>Attendance and Punctuality</u> Jupiter class recorded last week's highest attendance with 98.9%. Well done to them. Unfortunately, last week we had a particularly high number of children arriving late to school. This comes at a time when lateness had been improving. Please can I urge families who are struggling to get their children to school on time to make the effort to leave 10 minutes earlier. Arriving just 5 minutes late twice a week amounts to a whole day of missed education over the course of a year.

**<u>Congratulations!</u>** I would like to take this opportunity to offer congratulations to Miss Griffiths who, following her wedding at half term, will now be known as Mrs Fisher. We wish her and her new husband a life-time of happiness together.

## Other events in the coming weeks

Wednesday 18th June 11am—Comets class assembly Friday 20th June 11am- Satellites class assembly Friday 27th June- INSET Day- School Closed Saturday 28th June- Pegasus Family Fun Day at Ecclesbourne Primary School 11-2pm- All donations of bottles (soft drink), toys, bric -a- brac and toiletries gratefully received. Thank you. Tuesday 8th July - Key Stage One Sports' Day Wednesday 9th July - Key Stage Two Sports' Day Friday 11th July - End of year reports go home Tuesday 15th July - Open evening Tuesday 22nd July- Last day of academic year

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