



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 14th December 2012



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will all be aware, over the past week the children have been staging their Christmas and Winter productions. Those of you who attended will, I'm sure, agree that the children did a fantastic job with everyone singing beautifully and acting brilliantly.



As I explained at the performances, these productions take a lot of hard work and I would like to thank again everyone who made them possible. All of the staff are to be commended for their enthusiasm and the effort put into producing props, costumes, staging and scenery and for their hard work rehearsing and preparing the children. It is greatly appreciated by me and I know that the children have got great enjoyment from the shows.

In Key Stage One, performing a Nativity play allows the children to learn The Christmas Story in an exciting way, as well as developing the children's speaking and listening skills and offering the chance to work together, learning music and dances.



The productions involving all of Key Stage Two were the first performances of that type for at least 6 years and I feel that it was a real step forward on Ecclesbourne's journey. Performing in front of an audience provides a wonderful opportunity for children show off their dramatic flair and excel at something different. There were some outstanding performances by lots of children, particularly Daniel who learnt so many lines for the part of Scrooge.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who supported the school and the children by attending the performances, sending in costumes and putting up with the inconvenience of allowing their children to attend the late nights. Thank you also for the kind words and for being such an appreciative and enthusiastic audience. I feel that it bodes well for future productions at the school.

LUPUS UK Many thanks to everyone who generously donated to LUPUS UK at the Christmas performances. The school managed to raise £217.60 for the important work of this charity which supports families suffering from LUPUS.

In the Event of Snow Now that winter is well and truly here we need to remind parents that in the event of extreme weather it may be necessary to close the school. We will always endeavour to keep the school open but sometimes, if staff cannot get in to school or the site becomes unsafe it may be necessary to close. We will inform parents of any closure by sending a text and by updating the school's website. Parents can also check for details at <http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck>.

Other events in the coming weeks

Thursday 20th December End of Term

Monday 7th January INSET day - school closed

Tuesday 8th January Return to School

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