



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter 14th February 2014



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very hectic week at the end of a half term that has flown by. I know that the staff and children are all looking forward to a well deserved break. We break for half term on a high after Museum Day and an Ofsted inspection all rolled into one this week. There are more details below but I just want to say how proud I am of your children for their attitude in school this week. They really have shown off the best of Ecclesbourne and you should be proud of them too. I wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing you back with, hopefully, some better weather.

Ofsted I would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff and children who worked so hard during the inspection this week. It was a massive team effort and, although I cannot reveal any details until the report is published in a few weeks time, I can say that we are pleased and proud that the progress the school has made was recognised by the inspectors. Thank you to all the parents too who took the time to speak to the inspection team and gave them so many positive messages of support for the school. It is always nice to hear good feedback. Remember, we also want to hear if there are things we need to improve on so, if there is a problem, please let us know so that we can sort it out.

Museum Day: Thank you also to all the parents who turned up for our first ever Museum Day. It was great to see so many parents visiting the school, I know that everyone was impressed by the work on display. The children and staff worked really hard to make the school look fantastic and showcase our thematic curriculum. Some of the work on display included thematic homework that many of you have supported your children with, and we owe you many thanks for continuing to support your children's learning at home. Although we all understand the importance of learning English and maths at school, there is a great deal of good in offering children an enriched curriculum which allows them the chance to learn independently about things that they find interesting. Particular highlights included the Celtic roundhouse in Year 5, and The Crimean War field hospital in Year 2, one child even explained that she could now cure my cholera!

The Pegasus Mini Bus: The Trust has taken delivery of a brand new mini bus and it made its first



journey this week. The children of Phoenix class were the first, lucky passengers making the short trip from Whitehorse back to Ecclesbourne with Miss Hunt at the wheel. The bus will enable us to offer even more trips and outings for children at all three schools. Look out for the silver dream machine on the streets of Thornton Heath.



Other events in the coming weeks

Friday 28th February – Asteroids class assembly 11:00am

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day—see separate letter for details.

11th and 12th March—Parents' evenings

Friday 21st March— Comets class assembly 11:00am

Paul Robins—
Head of School
Ecclesbourne Primary School

Punctuality and Attendance:

Last week's attendance winners with 98.5% were Shuttles. Well done!