



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Wednesday 15th July 2015



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the year draws rapidly to a close, it's hard not to wonder where the time has gone. It's not until I take a moment to reflect on everything that has happened through the year that I realise it's actually a wonder that we managed to fit it all in.

Firstly, the school is celebrating another great set of results at Key Stage Two with nearly 80% of children achieving the expected level in reading, writing and maths. This is an improvement on last year and demonstrates how the school is improving year on year. The Year 6 children have made fantastic progress through the key stage and we are proud of them all. Our Key Stage One results were also an improvement on last year and 85% of children passed the Year One phonics screening test. I am also incredibly proud of the children who started in Reception as they have had a great start to their time at Ecclesbourne, setting a solid foundation for their education. It is testament to all the hard work that staff have put in that these results have been so good and I would like to record my thanks to them all.

As well as academic success, we have a number of other things of which to be proud. This year has seen a wealth of sporting opportunities, culminating in a fantastic showing at the Croydon Schools' Athletics competition. Children have been out representing the school in choirs and with the Djembe Orchestra and even look set for their first ever recording next year. Farms, museums, the zoo, wetlands and adventure parks have all featured on school trips and we've had visits from all sorts including, Bug men, Egyptians, scientists, cavemen, Romans and The Life Bus. We even managed to squeeze in Christmas plays and our winter production, Leonard the Lonely Leopard. All of these highlights, and many more, contribute to what has been a great year and we are pleased that we can offer so many opportunities for your children. We know they appreciate it all.

I have thoroughly enjoyed another year at Ecclesbourne and I would like to say thank you for the support that so many parents have offered. I look forward to building on our successes again next year. All that remains is for me to wish you a happy and restful break. I look forward to seeing you back, well rested and raring to go, in September.

Returning to school I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our school uniform policy for any parents who may be buying new items over the break. Trainers are not allowed. Black trainers with a sporting brand label are not a substitute for black school shoes. Also, we expect hair to be kept sensibly neat and tidy. Mohican hairstyles, colours, extravagant or brightly coloured hair accessories and shaved markings in hair or eyebrows are not acceptable.

Leavers As ever at this time of year, we have to wish some people goodbye and good luck. Fortunately, this year we have only a very few leavers which is excellent news for the children as we are able to provide continuity in your child's education. However, Miss Imperato is leaving as she is relocating to Wiltshire. I wish to thank her for all her hard work with the Year 6 children this year. During her time here, she has established herself as a very strong member of the teaching team and she will be missed. Also bidding us farewell is Mrs Kellett who has been supporting children at Ecclesbourne for 10 years. She too has been an invaluable member of the team and we wish her well in her new role at another school. Mrs Bristow is moving on to take up another role at Beulah infants but will still be part of the Pegasus family and we wish her all the best. We welcome Mr Strutt as the new teacher in Year 4. Many of you will recognise him from his work in Year 3 this year.

Diary dates

Thursday 16th July: Last day of term 3:15pm

Monday 7th September: New term begins 8:45am

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