



# Ecclesbourne Primary School

## Newsletter Friday 16th October 2015



### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

The term is well underway and the children have already had some great experiences with visits and trips. Year 2 were transported back to London in 1666 this week, with a visit from the Freshwater Theatre company and Samuel Pepys and Year 6 have been to Broadstone Warren to try their hand at all manner of team building activities. Year 2 also went to Morden Hall country park as part of their learning in Science this term. There are also lots of other trips planned for other year groups.

As the weather turns, can I remind parents that children should be coming to school with a coat (with a name label in). It may be nice and warm in the car on the way to school but at playtimes and lunchtimes, unless the weather is really bad, we get the children outside for some fresh air.

**Black History Month** We have also had a number of workshops and visits as part of our 'Black History Month' celebrations. This is an annual event that takes place in schools, every October, up and down the country. Our older children had a very inspirational speaker teaching us all about the role of black inventors and scientists all the way back to Ancient Egypt. We've had workshops where we learnt about the history of the steel drum, as well as getting the opportunity to play the steel pans and dance along to some classic tunes. The younger children have had interesting drama workshops where they learnt about the oral tradition of storytelling and Anansi the spider. Alongside work that children will be doing in class, these rich learning experiences have really helped to bring aspects of Black History to life.

**A polite reminder** Please can I urge all drivers to be careful when parking at the front of the school. I appreciate that everyone thinks that their journey is the most important and that their child should take priority over everyone else's but we all need to be patient, respectful of others and, dare I say, in some cases, a little less selfish. Ask yourself 'Is it essential that I drive right into Attlee Close or could I walk from slightly further away?'. If you decide that you must turn into Attlee Close, then you need to be prepared to get stuck in traffic and to wait while other drivers try to manoeuvre out of the jam. Also, in order to keep the road clear for children to cross and to provide a passing place, please do not park on the yellow lines. Not only is this illegal, it puts the children at risk because they are forced to cross between parked cars. I'm sure that we can all be more considerate and help to ensure that our children are safe. Thank you.

**Macmillan coffee morning** Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Macmillan coffee morning and those of you who donated cakes and money. Thank you also to everyone who contributed to our fundraising for Jeans for Genes. The school managed to raise over £400 through these events which will go to supporting the valuable work of these charities. Thank you.

**Parents' evenings** I know that the vast majority of you have been in school this week to meet with your child's class teacher. However, if you were unable to attend parents' evenings and you have not yet made a separate appointment, please contact your class teacher. We will try to accommodate all parents' requests as this meeting is vital. It is an opportunity to talk about how your child has started the year and how you can help them achieve all that is expected of them.

### **Diary dates**

<b>Fri 23th October</b>	Last day of half-term
<b>Mon 2nd November</b>	First day back at school
<b>Friday 13th November</b>	Mars class assembly 11:00am
<b>Friday 18th December</b>	End of term
<b>Tuesday 5th January</b>	Back to school– start of spring term

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**Attendance** Last week's attendance award winners were Planets and Saturn classes both with 99.33%. Well done to them.