



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 16th September 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It is hard to believe that two weeks have already rushed by and we are now well in to the term. As ever, it was lovely to see all of our pupils again after the summer holidays, looking well-rested and ready to get back to learning. It is also lovely to welcome new pupils and parents in to the school. It has been a joy to see the enthusiasm of our Reception and Nursery children as they take their first steps on their learning journey here. All of the children look very smart in new uniforms and shoes and I hope that we can maintain this same standard throughout the school year. Once again, our teachers have been working hard preparing for the year ahead and our premises team have got the school looking spick and span. There are lots of exciting things coming up so keep an eye out for letters about what is going on in school and remember to keep up to date through the website at www.pegasusacademytrust.org.

Parent MACs:

We are looking for an enthusiastic parent to join our Academy Council. This is an important role that helps to challenge and support the school and drive standards forward. If you are interested in taking up this position, please contact Mr Robins.

Jeans for Genes Day/ MacMillan Coffee Morning: This year, on Friday 23rd September, we will be supporting the charity event 'Jeans for Genes'. This is a national event that encourages people to wear their jeans to work or school for a small donation. The money goes to support the charity in its valuable work supporting children with genetic disorders. A letter should have already come home with details but more information can be found at jeansforgenesday.org. As well as this, we will also once again be supporting the MacMillan Coffee Morning event on Friday the 30th September. This is a great chance to come in to school, meet some other parents, join in some classroom activities, eat some cake and have a chat. Again, details will come home in a letter. Please help us to support these important events.

Reading homework: At the start of the year, it is vitally important to establish good study habits. The most important homework that your child can do every evening is to read. All the research suggests that children who read for 15 minutes per evening, and children who have stories read to them, do better at school in the long term. Children in KS2 have homework reading diaries to record what pages they have read and to make comments on their reading. Please support your child with their daily reading homework.

The Jam Bus: Many of you will have noticed the new addition to our school. During the summer, we took delivery of our very own 'Jam Bus'. This will be our new music space where the children will have their music lessons with Mr Spoerer. The converted bendy bus is a creative and exciting way for us to further develop our music curriculum. Mr Spoerer has lots of ideas for further improvement to what is already a great teaching space. However, as is the way with any new venture, we will need to keep raising funds to support these further developments. Keep a look out for information about how you can help to support this project and if you have any ideas, I'm sure Mr Spoerer would be glad of any help.

Diary dates

Fri 23rd Sept	Jeans For Genes Day
Fri 30th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thurs 22nd Sept	PAT Year 6 Secondary Transfer meeting
Tues 11th Oct	Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm
Weds 12th Oct	Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm
Fri 21st Oct	Last day of half-term

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