



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 17th May 2013



Dear Parents and Carers,

The year seems to be flashing by and despite the progress we've made we still have much to do to get the school to where we want it to be. I'm always happy to hear how we are doing, and how we might be even better, so if you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know. As many of you know, I'm at the gate in the morning so catch me then or make an appointment, if need be. Hopefully, the sun will come out soon and I'll be able to stand there without a coat on!

Starting the school day: I would like to remind parents of the routines for the start of the school day. The gates open at 8:30 and children can be in the playground from this time. **Note they will not be supervised by school staff.** The classroom doors open at 8:45am and no child should be in school before this time as staff are not available to supervise them. Unsupervised children in school are a safeguarding concern and, as such, no child will be allowed in school before 8:45am unless by special arrangement. Once the doors are open children should make their way to the classrooms immediately to start the early morning work provided for them. The gates will close at 9:00am and any child arriving after this time will need to enter via the school office to collect a late mark.

School shoes: I appreciate that in these difficult financial times some parents may be finding it a struggle to provide their children with the correct school footwear. In order to support these families and ensure the children are following the school's uniform policy, the school is buying a selection of plain black plimsolls which will be loaned to any child in trainers, for them to wear in school.

SATs: Well done to all the Year 6 children who have been working really hard on their SATs this week. The year 2 children have also been busy with their assessments for the end of Key Stage One. These tests are important for seeing how the children have progressed in their time at Ecclesbourne and we are hoping to show even better results than last year. We are aware though that children are more than just a number so we like to focus on developing all the talents children have. For example, next week's Gold Award Assembly will celebrate sporting achievement.

Parking: Unfortunately, this week I received a complaint from a local resident about parents parking on his private property. I appreciate that in the mornings traffic around the school can be busy but I would ask that all parents respect local residents and the parking restrictions in place. I urge parents to consider whether their car journey is completely essential and whether or not walking to school is a better option, especially now Summer is here. Even parking further away from school and walking the last 500 metres will alleviate congestion around the gate. Illegally parked cars can be reported to Croydon's Traffic Enforcement unit on 0208 760 1996; they will be visiting and ticketing offenders in the coming weeks.

Punctuality and attendance: Last week's figure for attendance was 96.54%. This is an improvement on some of last term's figures so well done everyone for being in school and on time. Let's keep it going and aim for 100%. Remember, parents whose children are repeatedly absent from school can expect court action and a fine. Lateness is still a problem last week there were 23 lates. Remember gates open at 8:30, classes at 8:45 and then **the gates close at 9:00am**

Other events in the coming weeks

WB 20th May Year 6 School journey- Isle of Wight (daily bulletin on notice board for parents)

Friday 24th May Yr 2 to Worthing beach

Friday 24th May Yr 4 to Crystal Palace Park

Friday 24th May End of half term

Monday 3rd June Back to school

Thursday 13th June Open day and 'Grand Opening'

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