



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Tuesday 18th December 2012



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that my first term at Ecclesbourne has nearly gone. It seems to have flown by but then, when I stop and think of everything that we've achieved, I realise that we've been very busy. I hope you all enjoy the festive season with your families and friends and take the opportunity to rest and recuperate. I wish you all the best for the New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2013.

New uniform opportunities: We are keen to encourage our children to look smart for school, and thank parents for ensuring that their children are properly attired for school each day. From the new year there

will be two new items of uniform available. A black 'Pegasus' baseball hat (which will be the only baseball hat that children will be permitted to wear) and a new black 'Pegasus' coat (which will be optional, but is waterproof, with a hood, a reversible fleece lining and very good value). These items will be available directly from the manufacturer via a link on our website from the beginning of next term. I would also like to politely remind parents that the school uniform requires that children wear black leather school shoes, not trainers or boots. Please bear this in mind if you are replacing your child's footwear over the holidays.



Medicines in school: Please remember that our policy is to only administer medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor, with a label from the doctor on the bottle or box as evidence of this. Unfortunately, any medicines bought 'over-the-counter' need to be given at home, and will not be given by school staff during the day. If your doctor thinks that your child has an on-going medical need for paracetamol, cough medicine and the like, they will happily write you a prescription and prescriptions are free of charge for children under 16 years of age.

Punctuality and Attendance: The overall figure for attendance for this term was 95.5% which is, unfortunately, less than last year's figure of 96.1%. Please make an effort to make sure your child is in school every day because even missing the odd day has an impact on your child's learning. On a positive note, I am pleased to say that over 120 children managed 100% for the whole term.

Mufti Day: The last day of term, Thursday 20th December, will be a Mufti Day. The children are welcome to wear their own clothes on this day. We are not asking for any money for this, but if parents or children want to make a donation to LUPUS UK, money can be sent in to the office.

In the Event of Snow: Now that winter is well and truly here we need to remind parents that in the event of extreme weather it may be necessary to close the school. We will always endeavour to keep the school open but sometimes, if staff cannot get in to school or the site becomes unsafe it may be necessary to close. We will inform parents of any closure by sending a text and by updating the school's website. Parents can also check for details at <http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck>.

Parent Questionnaire: We are always keen to hear feedback on how we are doing so please take the time to complete the Parent Questionnaire which can be found on the website at www.pegasusacademytrust.org.

Paul Robins – Head of
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Other events in the coming weeks

Thursday 20th December End of Term

Monday 7th January INSET day - school closed

Tuesday 8th January Return to School