



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 19th December 2014



Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the year has finally caught up with us and it gives us a moment to stop and think about all the hard work that has been going on in school, from both children and the staff.

As you will all be aware, over the past week the children have been staging their Christmas and Winter productions. Those of you who attended will, I'm sure, agree that the children did a fantastic job with some marvellous performances.

As I said at the shows, they take a lot of work and I would like to thank again all the staff who helped make them such a success. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who supported the school and the children by attending the performances, sending in costumes and putting up with the inconvenience of allowing their children to attend the late nights. Thank you also for the kind words and for being such an appreciative and enthusiastic audience. It is good to know that the effort is appreciated. It has been a pleasure to see so many parents attending and it has left us having to think about how we will manage to accommodate the growing popularity of these events in future.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a restful break. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2015.

Christmas Donations Many thanks to everyone who generously donated to The Dame Vera Lynn Trust for Children with Cerebral Palsy at the Christmas performances. The school managed to raise over £260 for the important work of this charity which supports families to educate young children with motor learning difficulties.

In the Event of Snow Now that winter is 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>.

November Many of the male staff at Pegasus schools joined in with this year's 'Movember' event - growing moustaches and fundraising to support men's health charities. As the month went on many of us began to look increasingly dishevelled but it did provide a talking point (and some laughs) during the traditional gloomy month of November. The month culminated in a 'Movember' assembly where children were asked to vote on the most impressive moustache from an amazing selection that I cannot even begin to describe here. Many children brought in donations and we would like to thank you for helping us raise a total of £643.29 towards this worthy cause. Mr Roberts

Mrs Fisher Whilst it is always sad to say goodbye to people, we are happy to say that Mrs Fisher is leaving us but only to have her baby. She has done very well to stay in school until the end of term and we now wish her a well deserved rest before the baby comes along. I am pleased to tell you that, when Mrs Fisher leaves, we have appointed an experienced teacher, Mrs Henderson, to take the class from January. She has already been in to school, met the class and worked with the children to ensure a smooth transition. Mrs Saifar will continue to work in Saturn class supporting the children. Obviously, we all wish Mrs Fisher well and look forward to meeting her new baby soon!

Other events in the coming weeks

Monday 5th January INSET day - school closed

Tuesday 6th January Return to School

Paul Robins— **Head of School**
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