



# Ecclesbourne Primary School

## Newsletter Wednesday 20th July 2016



### Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, we find ourselves at the end of the school year. It has been a busy year and it is important to take a moment to reflect on some of the successes of the school.

It has been a challenging year in education with many changes happening at government level. We have had to come to terms with a new assessment framework as we deliver a new curriculum and this means that results this year are not comparable with previous years. We do know that our Reception children have achieved great results again this year and our Year One children have again exceeded the national level in the phonics screening check. We are confident that we are giving your children a great start in school. At Key Stage One, the children have worked hard and can be proud of their achievements and we know they are ready for the challenges of Year 3. At Key Stage Two, the children have made good progress against very challenging new expectations and they leave us ready for their secondary schools. We would like to wish them all the best. It is testament to all the hard work that staff have put in that the children have done so well and I would like to extend my thanks to them all.

Beyond the academic side of school life, we are proud that the school is still able to offer a rich and rewarding, broad and balanced curriculum. The children have taken part in a number of sporting events, culminating in a fantastic evening showcase at the Croydon Schools' Athletics competition where the boys and girls both won their relay events. Children have been out representing the school in choirs and with the Djembe Orchestra and next year we will be able to offer even more exciting musical opportunities. We've had visits from cavemen and Romans and been everywhere from The Tower of London to Walton Firs. We've had children building Stonehenge, making mummies, growing seeds from space and making fires to toast marshmallows. All of these highlights, and many more, contribute to what has been a great year and we are pleased that we can offer so many rich learning experiences for your children.

I have thoroughly enjoyed another year at Ecclesbourne and I would like to say thank you for the support that so many parents have offered. I look forward to building on our successes again next year. All that remains is for me to wish you a happy and restful break. I look forward to seeing you back, well rested and raring to go, in September.

**Returning to school** I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our school uniform policy for any parents who may be buying new items over the break. **Trainers are not allowed. Black trainers with a sporting brand label are not a substitute for black school shoes.** Also, we expect hair to be kept sensibly neat and tidy. Mohican hairstyles, colours, extravagant or brightly coloured hair accessories and shaved markings in hair or eyebrows are not acceptable. I look forward to seeing all the children looking smart and ready for the new year in September.

**Leavers** As ever at this time of year, we have to wish some people goodbye and good luck. Once again, this year we have only a very few leavers which is excellent news for the children as we are able to provide continuity in your child's education. As many of you know, Miss Pettis has left to have a baby. We wish her a good rest before the baby comes along. Also leaving us is Mrs Howlett. During her time here, she has welcomed many of your children into the Nursery giving them a fantastic start to their school life. She is leaving for a promotion with a group of nurseries and we wish her every success in her new role. We will miss her and the wonderful work she has done with our youngest children. Finally, Mrs Pettis, who has been supporting the Year 2 teachers for the last two years, is heading off to a well deserved retirement. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and we wish her all the best.

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### Diary dates

Thursday 21st July: Last day of term 3:15pm  
Wednesday 7th September: New term begins 8:45am