



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 21st September 2012



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the term but the children have all settled well into their new classes and made a good start to the year. It has been good to get to know some of you and your children and I look forward to meeting more of you, in time.

Meet the New Staff There are many new faces in the school and within Pegasus Trust so we would like to invite parents in to meet people and get to know who's who. We will be hosting a drop in session on Wednesday 26th September from 8:45am. Please feel free to drop in for a cup of tea and a biscuit, to get to know the new staff. Later in the term we will host an alternative session, after school, for those of you who can't make the morning session.

Punctuality and Attendance As ever, we are keeping a close eye on attendance at the school and working closely with our Education Welfare Service, to make sure that children are in school. Currently attendance is running at 95.7% which is below OFSTED's expectation of 96%. Well done to Shooting Stars class who have had 100% attendance for the last two weeks. It is worth noting that two local parents were recently fined £700 each, for failure to pay a fixed penalty for poor school attendance. We are also closely monitoring punctuality. **So far there have been over 100 incidences of lateness.** The gates close at 9:00am; after this time children will need to enter past the office and collect a late mark.

Parent View I am very keen to gauge the opinions of parents about the school and find out what we can do to improve. OFSTED are also very keen to take into account the views of parents. To this end, they have created a website called Parent View (www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) that allows parents to give their views, through a very quick survey. There is a link on our website to the site and I would appreciate any feedback that you would like to give.

Macmillan Coffee Morning We will be running a fundraising Coffee Morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care, on the morning of Friday the 28th September. Keep an eye out for posters and letters giving more details of the event.

The Year One Corridor Many thanks to the Year One parents who have been so understanding about the new arrangements for dropping off children in Year One. As always, our concern is the safety of the children and the crush of parents and children in the corridor, in the morning, was creating a situation that could have caused problems. As it is, the children have quickly adapted to the new arrangements and are increasing in their independence. Please note, this is on no way intended to prevent you speaking to the teacher and they will be happy to help you should you have a query or concern.

Other events in the coming weeks

Monday 24th September Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting for Parents 6—7pm. EPS main hall.

Wednesday 26th September Meet and Greet the new staff 8:45– 9.30am

Friday 28th September Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 12th October Harvest

Week Beginning 15th October Black History Week

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