



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Wednesday 21st December 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term and calendar year draw to a close, we can look back on a term of hard work and achievement for the children.

For those of you who made it along, I'm sure you'll agree that our Christmas productions were a great success again. It is lovely to see the children performing and it gives them something else to achieve in alongside their academic studies. I was particularly delighted that this year we had the beginnings of an Ecclesbourne band performing at the Key Stage Two shows. It is testament to Mr Spoerer's hard work and I'm confident that, now that the Jam Bus is up and running, we will see Ecclesbourne producing ever more musicians.

It has been a long term packed with opportunities for the children. There are too many to recount them all here but I would like to thank all the staff who have been working hard to give your children a rich and exciting education. It takes a lot of dedication, in often trying circumstances, so it is lovely to see that the children appreciate it and relish the opportunities they are given. As I stand at the gate in the morning, I see children running to get to school or turning up with smiles on their faces and that enthusiasm is what makes it all worthwhile. Nationally and internationally, it has been a year of significant change and the future for all seems a little less certain. It is my hope that we can prepare your children for that future whatever it may bring.

I would also like to thank parents for the cards and kind words at this time of year and for your ongoing support. It really makes a difference to your children when we all work together. I hope that the Christmas break gives you the opportunity to spend some precious time with your loved ones and to have a good rest. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful break. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2017.

Christmas Donations Many thanks to everyone who generously donated to The Multiple Sclerosis Society at the Christmas performances. The school managed to raise over £290 for the important work of this charity. All the schools across the Trust were collecting for the same charity and overall we managed to raise £1025.41. A fantastic effort!

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>.

Booking After School Activity Clubs As of next term, we will be changing the way that parents book after school activity clubs. A letter came out yesterday explaining the new process which is called MyPlay. The change will involve all new clubs having to be booked by email. In order for your child to be considered for an after school club, you will need to have registered an email address before the details of clubs are released. All the relevant information was on yesterday's letter but in the new year staff will be on hand to help people with any queries. In time, this system will hopefully make it easier for everyone involved in setting up and attending the clubs so please bear with us while we work through the process.

Other events in the coming weeks

Tuesday 3rd January INSET day - school closed

Wednesday 4th January Return to school

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