



# *Ecclesbourne Primary School*

## *Newsletter Monday 21st July 2014*



### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

Once again, I find it hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the year. As ever, it is important to take the time to reflect and celebrate some of our successes this year.

Firstly, the school is celebrating another great set of results at Key Stage Two. The Year 6 children have made fantastic progress through the key stage and we are proud of them all. Our Key Stage One results were again an improvement on last year and 93% of children passed the Year One phonics screening test. It is testament to all the hard work that staff have put in that these results have been so good and I would like to record my thanks to them all.

As well as academic success, we have a number of other things of which to be proud. The children have been given a wealth of opportunities to take part in extra curricular activities. For example, Sports and Dance competitions and, for the first time, we have had our Djembe Orchestra and Choir performing at various events. As well as all the wonderful trips and experiences the children partake in, we also celebrated our first ever Museum Day showcasing some of the work the children do in their Thematic curriculum.

Perhaps most significantly, in February, Ofsted recognised all the work that goes on here and rated the school as good in all categories. Although we don't do things for Ofsted but for the children here, it is nice to have our achievements officially acknowledged.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this year at Ecclesbourne and I would like to say thank you for the support that so many parents have offered through the year. 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.

**Leavers** As ever at this time of year, we have to wish some people goodbye and good luck. Mr Clarke is leaving to pursue his dream of teaching sport full time. I wish to thank him for all the sporting opportunities that he has provided for Ecclesbourne children this year. He has set a benchmark that we will do well to meet next year. Mrs Neale is leaving to take up a post in a Reception class at Whitehorse Infants and Mrs Staniforth is moving on to pastures new. We also have some changes in the Trust. Miss Hunt will be leaving Year 6 but taking up a position as Assistant Head while Mrs Byrne will lead the Year 6 team working across the Trust. Finally, Mrs Butler is moving to a new position within the Trust. Sadly, she won't be based at Ecclesbourne anymore and we will miss the fantastic work she does. We hope to still see her around. Also bidding us farewell are Mrs Godsell, Ms Mears and Mrs Gatt. Whilst these may not be familiar names to some of you, each and everyone of them has contributed to the successes at Ecclesbourne this year and we are sorry to see them go. We wish them all the best and thank them for all their hard work during their time here.

### **Diary dates**

**Tuesday 22nd July: Last day of term 3:15pm    Wednesday 3rd September: New term begins 8:45am**

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Note that during the summer, Croydon is offering free swimming for under 16s at Thornton Heath Leisure Centre. Details can be found at  
[http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/contracts/Croydon\\_Council](http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/contracts/Croydon_Council)