



# Ecclesbourne Primary School

## Newsletter Friday 21st October 2016



### Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term of the year has flown by and the children have been busy in school as well as out and about on all manner of trips. Year 6 have been to Broadstone Warren to try their hand at team building activities. Year 2 went to Morden Hall Country Park as part of their learning in Science and Year 3 have been to Crystal Palace Park. In other year groups, Year 4 were conquered by Romans, Year 5 were invaded by Vikings for the day and Year 1 visited the library. All of these trips and visits really bring learning to life and help the children become enthused about their topics. We also had a visit from Andrew Muhammad aka 'The Investigator' as part of our Black History celebrations. He taught the children all about Mansa Musa and the Malian Empire. We learnt that Mansa Musa was the richest man that has ever lived, with a personal fortune of \$400 billion, and he had so much gold that after travelling to Egypt he caused a global crash in its value because he spent so much!

**Parent MACs** Many thanks to the parents who have expressed an interest in becoming a parent member of the academy council (MAC). Since we had more than one application, we will have to go to a vote. After half term, further details and ballot papers will be sent home for all parents to have a chance to vote for their preferred candidate.

**A polite reminder** Those of you who drive to school will have noticed the signs in Attlee Close asking people to park elsewhere. These signs are there in order to keep the road clear for children to cross and to provide a passing place so that we can hopefully keep traffic flowing in and out of the close. Please do not park on the yellow lines. Not only is this illegal, it puts the children at risk because they are forced to cross between parked cars. I'm sure that we can all be more considerate and help to ensure that our children are safe. Thank you.

**Year 6 secondary transfer forms** Please note that the deadline for completion of secondary transfer forms is October the 31st. These forms must be completed online. If you do not complete the form, you will have no say in which secondary school your child attends when they leave Ecclesbourne next summer.

**Macmillan coffee morning** Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Macmillan coffee morning and those of you who donated cakes and money. Thank you also to everyone who contributed to our fundraising for Jeans for Genes. The school managed to raise £335 and £331 respectively through these events which will go to supporting the valuable work of these charities. Thank you.

**Parents' evenings** I know that the vast majority of you were in school last week to meet with your child's class teacher. However, if you were unable to attend parents' evenings and you have not yet made a separate appointment, please contact your class teacher. We will try to accommodate all parents' requests as this meeting is vital. It is an opportunity to talk about how your child has started the year and how you can help them achieve all that is expected of them.

### Diary dates

Monday 31st October

Friday 25th November

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December

Wednesday 21st December

Wednesday 4th January

First day back at school

Jupiter class assembly - 11:00am

KS2 Winter production - 7pm

End of term

Back to school

Paul Robins  
Head of School  
Ecclesbourne Primary School

**Attendance** Last week's attendance award winners were Shooting Stars class with 99.6%. Well done to them.