



# Ecclesbourne Primary School

## Newsletter Friday 22 November 2013



Dear Parents and Carers,

The term continues apace and this week the children have been busy with Maths week. Throughout the school, the children have been setting time aside to use and apply their mathematical knowledge to all sorts of problem solving activities. With everything from children in Year 6 going out and about looking at maths in the environment to children in Year 2 constructing and measuring towers made from spaghetti and marshmallows, there has been a real buzz about the school. A week like this really helps children to put the maths from their lessons into a context and understand why it is important to be a good mathematician.

**Mathletics** On the subject of maths, many of the children have been working really hard on their mathletics at home. However, some children have mentioned problems logging on at home. At Pegasus Academy Trust the children benefit from what is known as a Universal Sign On (USO). This means that they only have to remember one username and password to access the school computers, Fronter and Mathletics. In order to use their USO to access Mathletics they MUST log in via the 'Single Sign On' page which can be accessed via a link found on Fronter (<http://fronter.com/croydon/main.phtml>) or on your child's Year Group page on the Pegasus Academy Trust website (<http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/>). DO NOT use the Mathletics sign on page found via Google (<http://www.mathletics.co.uk/>); your child's username and password will not work. Logging into a sibling's account: If you have more than one child with a Mathletics account you may find that sometimes when one of them logs on they go into another sibling's account. This usually occurs when the browser hasn't been completely closed at the end of the previous child's session and / or if the browser's cache isn't emptied on closure. To avoid this happening make sure each child closes the browser down when they have finished and that the cache is set to be emptied on closure. An alternative option is to encourage each child to access via a different browser (Explorer, Chrome, Firefox, etc.).

**Punctuality and Attendance** Last week's attendance assembly was won by Shuttles with an attendance of 100%. In the previous week Astronauts and Shuttles also had 100%. Surely, if some of the youngest children in school can make it in everyday then everyone else can. I look forward to the day when I can't announce a winner in assembly because every class has 100%.

**Pegasus Coats.** As the weather gets colder, it is worth remembering that Pegasus coats are available through the school website. The reversible fleeces are extremely practical and warm. They are also excellent value at £19. Click on the uniform link at the bottom of the website for details of how to order.

**Miss Tye** Miss Tye has left us for a well deserved break as she goes on maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to her coming back to show us her new baby, in the new year.

**Pick up.** If you have made arrangements for your child to be picked up by someone other than a parent, can you please make sure that the office have a written confirmation of who will be collecting your child.

### **Other events in the coming weeks**

**Friday November 29th** - Y6 Pirate Day

**Friday December 6th** - Mars class assembly 11:00am

**Tuesday December 17th** - Key stage 2 Christmas Production evening performance

**Wednesday December 18th** - Key stage 2 Christmas Production evening performance

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