



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter 23rd January 2015



Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems a little late to wish everyone a Happy New Year but, nevertheless, I wish you all the best for 2015. Three weeks have already flown by and the children are busy as ever. Year One have been to the park to compare how it looks in Winter with how it was in the Autumn, Year 3 have been to the Transport Museum and Year 4 are off to the Museum of London on Monday. The visits are all linked to the children's thematic work which will be celebrated on our Museum Day on Friday February 13th; keep the date free. There are lots of other things coming up so remember to keep an eye on the website for details.

Polling station It has been confirmed that there will be a General Election on **Thursday May 7th**. As you know, the school is used as a polling station so in order to keep the children safe we are unable to open on that day. I apologise for any inconvenience but you understand that, with members of the public entering the school, it is not appropriate for the children to be on site. I hope that giving you this advance notice allows plenty of time for you to make alternative arrangements for the day.

The Internet and social media: Your child should have come home today with a booklet entitled 'Digital Parenting'. This publication has a wealth of useful information about how to keep your child safe online. It covers everything from social media to cyberbullying. It also has some great ideas for apps that can help your child, as well as tips on how to manage your child's gaming online. Please take the trouble to read the booklet and discuss the issues with your child.

A polite reminder Please remember that boots and trainers are not part of our school uniform and children should not be wearing them in school. Children's school shoes should be robust enough to deal with rain, the walk to school and playtimes – not 'high fashion' items that are unfit for purpose. However, in times of really adverse weather, such as snow or torrential rain, children can wear suitable boots to school but are expected to change out of them and into their normal school shoes once at school. 'Kickers', in the classic style, are acceptable for school. If anyone is finding it difficult to provide their child with suitable shoes, please see me in complete confidence as I have a number of high quality, brand new shoes that were donated to the school for the children.

In the Event of Snow: Although we haven't had much cold weather so far, 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>.

Mrs Fisher I am pleased to announce that on Monday the 5th January Mrs Fisher gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Jack. Mother and baby are both doing well and we look forward to meeting him soon.

Other events in the coming weeks

Friday 23rd January - Meteors class assembly 11am start
Friday 30th January - Comets class assembly 11am start
Friday 6th February - Venus class assembly 11am start
Friday 13th February - Museum day details to follow
Friday 13th February - Last day of half term
Monday 23rd February - Back to school

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Punctuality and Attendance: Last week's attendance winners with 99.6% were Jupiter. Well done to them.