



Ecclesbourne Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With Easter upon us already, the spring term has flown by and we can hopefully look forward to some warmer weather after the break. Please, if you haven't already done so, make a note of the important dates below paying particular attention to the school closures. I wish you all a relaxing break and look forward to seeing you for the summer term.

Music Mark Award. I am pleased to announce that the school has been awarded the Music Mark by the UK Association for Music Education. This is in recognition of our commitment to providing opportunities for pupils to engage with high quality music education. It is satisfying that the value we place on music provision has been acknowledged, especially at a time when schools are under so much pressure to deliver results in traditional academic subjects. Many thanks to Mr Spoerer for his work in achieving this award.

Head Lice Advice. As with all schools up and down the country, we occasionally have head lice in school. Head lice are very common, particularly in school age children, and are not linked to dirty hair or poor hygiene. In fact, about 10% of the population have head lice at any one time. Although head lice can be upsetting, they are not harmful and can only be spread by hair to hair contact as they cannot fly or jump. According to the NHS, the best way to prevent head lice becoming a problem is for all parents to undertake regular 'detection combing' as part of your child's normal hygiene routine. Also, keeping long hair tied up can help prevent their spread. If you do find that your child has head lice, your pharmacist will be able to advise you on the best treatments. Further advice can be found on the NHS choices website. Please help us to limit the spread of head lice in school by regularly checking your child and treating where necessary.

Parent MAC vacancy: We are looking for a new member of our academy council (MACs). We need committed people who are prepared to use their interest to challenge the school leadership and help drive things forward. If you are interested in helping to shape the future of Ecclesbourne Primary School and your child's education, please speak to a member of staff.

Dog Fouling Poster. We have been asked by the Thornton Heath Community Action Team to promote a poster competition they are running. Children should use their imagination and think of a design that would make people stop and read their poster, with the ultimate aim of encouraging dog owners to think twice about not picking up their dog's mess. Those of you who walk to school will, I'm sure, agree that this is a worthy aim. Competition details can be found at <http://thorntonheath.net/design-a-poster/>

Sport Relief. Well done to everyone who took part in Sport Relief on Friday. It was a fantastic effort and it managed to raise £537 for the valuable work of this charity. Thank you to Miss Pettis and Mr Dunford for organising the event.

Other events in the coming weeks

Monday 11th April Start of summer term
Monday 2nd May – School closed May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 5th May - School closed for polling station
Week Beginning Monday 9th May Year 6 SATs week
Friday 27th May- End of half term
Monday 6th June– Back to school
Thursday 23rd June School closed for polling station
Friday 24th June INSET day—school closed

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Punctuality and Attendance: Last week's attendance winners were Astronauts with 98% . Well done to them.