



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter 24th January 2014



Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems that we've only just got back from the Christmas break but already there has been so much going on that three weeks have flown by. There are lots of events coming up too. It has been lovely to see parents coming in to watch the children in their class assemblies and more are on their way. This year parents will also have the opportunity to visit our Museum Day when the children will be sharing the work they have been doing in their thematic lessons. Dates are on the website and below.

Lunchboxes: I am often surprised at lunchtimes to see the contents of some of the children's lunchboxes. Some children seem to be surviving on a diet of cakes and crisps, which, although it sounds delicious, does not make for a healthy diet. For advice on what constitutes a healthy lunch box have a look at the children's food trust website where there are lots of hints and recipes for a healthy packed lunch. Alternatively follow this link www.letsgetcookingathome.org.uk/get-cooking/perfect-packed-lunches. Please can I also remind parents that nuts should be avoided in lunchboxes as we have a number of children in school who have severe nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Parental questionnaire: Thanks to everyone who has already completed our online parental questionnaire. Your feedback is important to us as it helps us to know what we are doing well but also what we need to do to get better. The survey is completely anonymous and helps to shape the future direction of the Trust. The survey can be accessed through the website at www.pegasusacademytrust.org. We are aiming for over 200 responses this year so please spend five minutes giving us your views.

The Internet and social media: As I'm sure you are aware, the issue of staying safe on the internet is something that is a growing concern for schools. This is no longer an issue just for older children as many primary children are increasingly knowledgeable about how to access material on the internet, or through social media, that is not suitable. Please take some time to speak to your child about staying safe online and be aware of what they are using the internet for. Likewise, if your child has access to social media, please make them aware of the consequences of writing and sending things to what is essentially a public forum. Unsupervised access at home has already led to issues in school that we then have to spend time addressing. A good site for information is www.thinkuknow.co.uk/Parentsold/. Ask yourself 'Do you really know what your child is using the internet for?'

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.lqfl.org.uk/opencheck>.

Other events in the coming weeks

Friday 7th February – Astronauts class assembly 11:00am

Tuesday 11th February - Museum day, details to follow.

Friday 14th February – last day of half term

Friday 28th February – Asteroids class assembly 11:00am

11th and 12th March—Parents' evenings

Paul Robins— **Head of School**
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Punctuality and Attendance: Last week's attendance winners with 99.86% were Asteroids. Well done to them.