



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter 26th March 2015



Dear Parents and Carers,

The spring term has come to a very quick end. It seems like we'd only just got started. At least we have seen some better weather and some of the bulbs that the children planted have appeared around the school. Next year, we'll have to plant them a little deeper so that the squirrels don't have quite such a feast. I would like to thank everyone who has asked after my health following my ankle operation. I am on my way to a full recovery and will hopefully be fully fit in time for Sports' Day next term. It just remains for me to wish you all a restful break. I look forward to seeing you all in a couple of weeks.

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 Mr Robins.

The Parental Questionnaire: Many thanks to everyone who took the trouble to complete the Parental Questionnaire. We managed over 100 responses in the end and we will be using the results to see if there are things we can do to make things even better for your children.

Charity giving Thank you to everyone who joined in with our celebrations for Red Nose Day. We managed to raise £339 for the valuable work of this charity. Miss Hunt would also like to reiterate her thanks to everyone who helped raise over £900 for her 'Help Alexia walk' campaign.

Punctuality and Attendance: For the past two weeks our winning classes have had 100% attendance. Well done to Jupiter and Saturn. This week we will be awarding certificates to the 167 children who have had 100% attendance this term. The winners of the termly attendance award were Saturn and their teacher will be thinking of a suitable reward for them. Whilst it is nice to be able to celebrate consistently good attendance, it is very frustrating to see that we still have a number of children who are persistently late. I know that sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, it is unavoidable but I often see the same names on my list which suggests that the lateness is more about poor planning than bad luck. Why not encourage your children to organise their school bags the night before then they can be left by the front door for collection on the way out? This will help to increase their independence and foster good habits for secondary school.

Book Amnesty: Please take a moment to look at home and see if you have any Ecclesbourne books accidentally stacked away. We are always happy for the children to borrow books but we do need them back and at the moment our stocks are looking a little depleted. Thank you.

Other events in the coming weeks

Friday 27th March - Last day of spring term

Monday 13th April Start of summer term

Friday 24th April Asteroids class assembly 11am start

Friday 1st May Planets class assembly 11am start

Thursday 7th May - General election school closed for polling station

Week beginning Monday 11th May Year 6 SATs week

Week beginning Monday 18th May Year 6 Journey to the Isle of Wight

Week beginning Monday 15th June Year 1 Phonics screening check

Friday 19th June Inset day - school closed

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