



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 25th October 2013



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach half term it gives us the opportunity to reflect on just some of the many things that have taken place. There have been trips to the library and Broadstone Warren, visits from Romans, Firemen and Greeks. We've raised over £130 for Macmillan Cancer Care. Thank you! We've competed in Tag Rugby, Football and Cross Country tournaments. We also managed to collect a bountiful selection of goods for our Harvest celebration which The Salvation Army will distribute to those in need. No wonder the time flies when there is so much going on. I wish you all a restful break so that we can come back raring to go in the second half term.

Parent Members of the Academy Council I am pleased to announce that four parents have agreed to join the Academy Council for Ecclesbourne Primary School and been confirmed in post. As we can have a minimum of four representatives there is no need to hold an election. These parents will play an important role in school improvement. Once they have been welcomed onto the council, I will be sending out more details about them so you know who they are.

Punctuality and Attendance As ever, we have been keeping a close eye on attendance and I'm pleased to say that this half term attendance has been at 96.6% which is marginally better than this time last year. I hope that we can keep on improving next half term. Punctuality has improved as well but there are still some children who are persistently late. Arriving late in class is disruptive to a child's own learning and the learning of others.

Reading Diaries Parents of children in Key Stage Two will have seen the new reading diaries that have been introduced this term. Unfortunately, many children are not keeping an accurate record of their reading at home or completing the diary as it should be done. Please support your child by helping them to keep the diary up to date and signing it every week. Numerous research articles identify reading with your child as one of the most important things you can do to support your child. Furthermore, it is something parents agree to try to do every day when signing the home school agreement.

Parking Unfortunately, as the weather deteriorates it seems that more of you are choosing to drive to school and this is causing further problems in Attlee Close. I have been looking at the situation and aside from encouraging parents to walk, or park further away and walk the rest of the journey there is little that can be done. I have been looking in Pawsons Road and it seems there is considerably more legal parking along this road. By parking in Pawsons Road and walking down Lion Road into school through the back gate, many of you could ease the congestion and have a much more relaxed drop off. This would appear to be a particularly good option for children in Apollo and Galaxy class given their close proximity to the back gate. Alternatively, if you see people parking or driving inconsiderately, please report them to Croydon's Traffic Enforcement Unit on 0208 760 1966.

Phone Numbers If you have recently changed your address or phone number, please ensure that the office have up to date details. Recently the office needed to contact a parent urgently and their details were not up to date, leading to a distressed child. Letting us know will avoid this happening again.

Other events in the coming weeks

Monday 4th November Children back to school

Friday 8th November - Individual school photos

Friday 8th November 11am Planets Class assembly

Friday 15th November 11am Jupiter Class assembly

Paul Robins
Head of School

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