



# *Ecclesbourne Primary School*

## *Newsletter Friday 26th October 2012*



### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

As I look back over my first half term at Ecclesbourne, it seems amazing to think that it has only been 8 weeks since the start of term. There has been so much going on. The children have been to St Paul's, The Greenwich Maritime Museum and Broadstone Warren. We've had Roman visitors, World War 2 workshops, traditional storytellers and workshops about The Great Fire of London. All that and we still found time for Ofsted ! Everyone has made me feel very welcome and I'm beginning to put names to faces. If I haven't had chance to say hello yet then please forgive me. I wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 6th November

**School Uniform** In September, all the children started school looking smart in new school uniforms. Unfortunately, in some cases, this standard has not been maintained. I would like to remind you that boys should be in black shoes with black or grey socks. Trainers are never acceptable. Girls should also be in black shoes with either black, grey or white tights. Boots are not permitted. Please also remember to label all your children's winter coats as we already have quite a collection in lost property.

**Punctuality and Attendance** The overall figure for attendance last week was 96.9% which is a real improvement. Well done! Let's see if we can aim for even higher. The number of children late was 25, which is an improvement again but I would still remind you that it is essential that your child is in school on time, every day. Thank you for supporting the school in this.

**Firework Safety** As ever, at this time of year, it's necessary to remind people that although fireworks are great fun they can also be very dangerous. If you are having a firework party please remind your children to keep safe and follow The Firework Code. Better still, attend an organised event and let someone else do all the work.

**OFSTED report** I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some confusion around our recent Ofsted report. As I said in an earlier letter, the school has made real progress. In June 2011 the school was graded Inadequate (4) in all four areas judged. In September 2012 the school was judged Good (2) in two areas, Behaviour and Safety and Leadership and Management. It was judged as 3 in the other areas which correlates to Ofsted's previous grading of Satisfactory. Ofsted has unfortunately changed the wording of a level 3 grading to 'requires improvement' but the school is no longer a cause for concern in Ofsted's opinion. We are still striving to make things even better but we are glad that Ofsted have acknowledged the progress made in the past year.

**Traffic enforcement** Along with many parents, I am concerned about some of the driving and parking around the school. Now that the weather is turning, we seem to have more cars trying to get close to the school. Please think carefully about whether or not your car journey is really necessary; perhaps you could park a bit further away and walk in to school. I must remind people that there are parking restrictions in Attlee Close and Croydon Council will be monitoring the parking and ticketing illegally parked cars. If you do need to drive, please be patient and considerate when dropping off your children. We do not want an accident. Illegally parked cars can be reported to Croydon's Traffic Enforcement unit on 0208 760 1996.

### **Other events in the coming weeks**

**Monday 5th November** INSET day - School Closed

**Tuesday 13th November** Individual School Photos

**Thursday 29 November** **SCHOOL CLOSED – POLLING DAY (To be confirmed)**