



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Wednesday 27th March 2013



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's amazing to think that the spring term is already coming to an end. Although it was only a short term, we've still managed to pack lots in. Year 6 have been on a trip to The Science Museum and Year 5 have visited our very own haunted house so that they could write spooky stories. Year 1 have been busy designing me a new broomstick and Year 2 have been writing reports all about the school. It's been a pleasure for me to walk around the school lately and see all the children working so hard. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in the summer term when, hopefully, we will have some sunshine.

Punctuality and attendance: The current figure for attendance for the school year so far is 94.79%. This is very concerning as it falls below Ofsted's expected figure of 95%. Remember, parents whose children are repeatedly absent from school can expect court action and a fine. Although there has been an improvement overall, there are still some children who are persistently late to school. If you are someone who is repeatedly late to school please make the effort to get up 10 minutes earlier to make sure your child doesn't miss out on important learning time. Please note that in the event of absence the initial phone call must be followed up with a written note on the child's return to school.

Leaving on a jet plane. We are sad to announce that Miss Rice, Stars class teacher, is leaving us at the end of this term. She is returning to Australia to be with her family. We will miss her and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the hard work she has done at Ecclesbourne. She will be replaced by Miss Alicia French, who has already been in and met the children and the team.

Uniform and Haircuts: Although the vast majority of children in the school turn up looking smart and well presented, there are still a few children who are not following our uniform policy. Our recent parental survey showed that parents are overwhelmingly supportive of our stance on uniform and I would ask that all children follow the guidance which is available on our website. The main areas of concern are around children wearing trainers instead of shoes, children having inappropriate haircuts and children wearing baseball caps that aren't part of the school uniform. If you are replacing items over the holiday or having a haircut please bear this in mind.

Red Nose Day Everyone had lots of fun on Red Nose Day while also raising money for the work of Comic Relief. The school managed to raise nearly £400 which is a fantastic effort. A special mention should go to Year 6 who raised lots of money through car washing and their cake sale. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Carcavella for her splendid Red Nose cake which made such a great raffle prize.

SRE Policy: There have been some slight alterations to our Sex and Relationship Education policy. This policy is available to view on our website. If you have any questions or concerns about the policy then please feel free to make an appointment to talk to me about them.

Other events in the coming weeks

Friday 19th April Charity mufti day in aid of 'Kids with Cancer' - details to follow

WB 13th May Year 6 SATs week

WB 20th May Year 6 School journey—Isle of Wight

Friday 24th May End of half term

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