



# *Ecclesbourne Primary School*

## *Newsletter Monday 29th April 2013*



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

The year is flying by as we move into the summer term. This is an important term for the children as it offers them a chance to demonstrate all that they have learnt this year and really consolidate their progress. There are lots of exciting things on the horizon and children have already been out on trips. Years 4 and 5 have been to The Museum of London and even the Nursery children are off out and about; they will be visiting Ladyland Farm next week. Visitors to school and trips out provide an excellent opportunity for children to deepen their understanding by learning through rich experiences and we are pleased that we can offer regular activities for the children.

Another exciting upcoming event is an Ecclesbourne Open Day, on Thursday 13th June. Now that all the building work is finally completed, including the finishing touches, we are planning a Grand Opening event. The school will be open for parents and there will be a range of activities taking place. This will provide a chance for you to come and see what your children get up to on a day to day basis, get involved in their learning and have a look around the school. Watch out for more details.

**Punctuality and attendance:** Last week's figure for attendance was 96.37%. This is an improvement on some of last term's figures so well done everyone who was in school and on time. Let's keep it going and aim for 100%. Remember, parents whose children are repeatedly absent from school can expect court action and a fine. Lateness is still a problem with 68 lates last week. Remember gates open at 8:30, classes at 8:45 and then the gates close at 9:00am

**Animal invasion.** Last week we had some unusual visitors in school. Animal Magic brought a selection of nocturnal animals to show to the year 2 children. They saw everything from tarantulas to skunks and the bravest children even got to handle a snake.

**Hats and sun cream:** Now that the sun has finally arrived, I would like to remind parents about protecting children from the sun. Applying sun cream in the morning should be enough to see your child safely through the day. We cannot apply cream to children at school. It is also advisable for children to wear a sun hat but please note that the only baseball caps permitted are the Pegasus baseball caps, available from our website.

**Mufti day in aid of Children with Cancer.** Thanks to all the children who supported Miss Holt's fundraising as she ran The London Marathon. Ecclesbourne managed to raise £520; an incredible effort that will go to the valuable work of this charity.

**PE:** I am concerned at the number of children who seem to regularly forget to bring their PE kit to school on the correct day. All children now have their own cloakroom space or locker so I would recommend children bring their kit in on a Monday and take it home on Friday. This will ensure that kit is always in school and if, as we move into the warmer weather, children have the opportunity for extra outdoor activities they won't be caught out. PE is a part of the school curriculum and, as such, not something that children can opt out of. Parents of children who repeatedly forget their kit can expect to be contacted.

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

**WB 13th May** Year 6 SATs week

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

**Friday 24th May** End of half term

**Monday 3rd June** Back to school

**Thursday 13th June** Open day and 'Grand Opening'

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