



# Ecclesbourne Primary School

## Newsletter 30th June 2017



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

It has been lovely to see so many parents in school recently for assemblies, sports days and performances. It is great to see everyone sharing in the enthusiasm for the children's school life so thank you. It seems like we are rushing headlong towards the end of the year but there is still so much to do before the end of term. There are still trips for the children with seaside visits, the Year 6 residential journey and the Year 3 trip to the Wetland Centre to fit in. We've also got reports to send home and assessments to complete before the end of term. At least the sun is shining!

**Croydon Athletics** Last week, a number of children represented the school at the annual Croydon Schools Athletics Championships. The whole team did a fantastic job with everyone putting in excellent performances even in the heat. A number of children made it through to the finals day on Wednesday with a silver medal in the Year 6 girls' long jump and a gold in the Year 5 boys' sprint. (Well done to Zharnae and Shawn.) A particular highlight were the relay finals where the girls were just outside the medals but the boys managed to win the event and retain the trophy. This is an amazing achievement as it is now the third year in a row the school has held the trophy. We are only the third school to ever win three years in a row and it hasn't been done since back in the 1980s. Many thanks to all the children who took part and all the staff and parents who came along and supported. Special thanks to Mr Dunford and Miss Hunt for organising the squad. We are already looking forward to next year.

**Sports' Days** Many thanks to all the parents who attended our Sports' Days. I'm sure you'll agree that it was lovely to see all the children taking part and we were very lucky with the weather. Everyone tried their best to win points for their houses and managed to compete in the right spirit. I was very proud of all the children. At Key stage 1 the winners were Athens. At Key stage 2 the winners were Corinth and the overall winners were Athens. Congratulations!

**Entering the school grounds** Please can I ask that all parents and children entering the school from Attlee Close do so through the main double gates on to the KS2 playground unless you are dropping a child in Reception. All children for Year 1 and 2 should make their way around the back of the school to access their classrooms. To clarify, only children for Nursery, Rockets and Stars should enter through the path alongside the car park. This will help prevent the problem of the Reception outdoor learning area being used as a thoroughfare in the mornings. This area is set up for the children's learning but, unfortunately, as people make their way through it, some of the activities put out for the children are being disturbed and even damaged. Please can I also remind parents and children that, at the end of the school day, this area is not a playground and that children shouldn't be left unsupervised to play on school equipment, particularly whilst waiting to collect younger siblings from Nursery. Thank you.

**Attendance** Last week's attendance award winners were Rockets class with 100%. It is lovely to think that even our youngest children are so keen to come to school that all of them were in every day. Well done to them.

**Parent Questionnaire** On the reverse of this newsletter is more information for parents in response to the parent questionnaire carried out earlier this year.

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

**Saturday 8th July**- Family Fun Day

**Friday 14th July** - Reports out

**Tuesday 18th July** - Open evening

**Thursday 20th July** - Last day of term

**Wednesday 6th September** - First day of the new school year

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