



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter 31st March 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

With Easter upon us already, the spring term has flown by, the daffodils are in bloom and the children will, hopefully, soon be able to take more of their learning outside. We are very lucky to have such lovely school grounds and it is always lovely to see the children making the most of the space that we have. Let's hope that the sun shines when we all return. In the meantime, have a good Easter break, enjoy the rest and I look forward to seeing you all refreshed after the holiday ready for the summer term.

Before and after school Please can I remind parents that they are responsible for their children on the playground before and after school. Children are not permitted to play ball games, ride scooters and bicycles or run amok. They are also not allowed to play with school equipment that is set up for the children's learning. If you are waiting for school to open or waiting to collect siblings, please ensure you are properly supervising your children, paying particular attention to pre-school little ones who may be unaware of the dangers of running off. We want to avoid any unfortunate accidents. Thank you.

School Uniform Our recent survey showed that 99% of parents agree with children wearing school uniform. As we get to the end of term, I have noticed that some children have been turning up in trainers and other non-uniform items of clothing. If you are replacing school uniform during the holidays, please may I politely remind you that children must wear black shoes- not black trainers with a branded logo. Also, anyone heading to the barbers over the holidays please be aware of our prospectus guidance which clearly states that hair should be neat and tidy with no shaved markings or Mohican styles. Furthermore, girls wearing blue and white summer dresses must wear white socks and black shoes. I look forward to seeing everyone back in school looking smart and well presented for the summer term. Thank you

Punctuality and Attendance Congratulations to Mars class who were our attendance winners for the term with 97.55%. I'm sure that Mrs Chapman will arrange a suitable treat for you all. Congratulations also to the 159 children who managed to get 100% attendance for the whole of the spring term.

Comic Relief. Well done to everyone who took part in Comic Relief last Friday. The school managed to raise £336 for the valuable work of this charity.

Head Lice Advice. As with all schools up and down the country, we occasionally have head lice in school. Head lice are very common, particularly in school age children, and are not linked to dirty hair or poor hygiene. In fact, about 10% of the population have head lice at any one time. Although head lice can be upsetting, they are not harmful and can only be spread by hair to hair contact as they cannot fly or jump. According to the NHS, the best way to prevent head lice becoming a problem is for all parents to undertake regular 'detection combing' as part of your child's normal hygiene routine. Also, keeping long hair tied up can help prevent their spread. If you do find that your child has head lice, your pharmacist will be able to advise you on the best treatments. Further advice can be found on the NHS choices website. Please help us to limit the spread of head lice in school by regularly checking your child and treating where necessary. The holiday break presents the ideal opportunity to have a check.

Other events in the coming weeks

Tuesday 18th April Start of summer term

Monday 1st May – School closed May Day Bank Holiday

Week Beginning Monday 8th May Year 6 SATs week

Friday 26th May- End of half term

Monday 5th June– Back to school

Friday 23rd June INSET day—school closed

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