



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 5th October 2012



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, we had an Ofsted inspection in school last week. Although we cannot reveal details of the judgements until the final report is approved, we feel that it was a very positive experience and we were able to present the school in the best possible light. I would like to say thank you to all the staff of Pegasus Academy Trust for their hard work during the inspection and to the children for their excellent manners, behaviour and enthusiasm. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and we are very proud of them.

Welcome to Apollo Class In other exciting news, we've also welcomed our new class, Apollo, in to the school. Although these are officially an annexe of Whitehorse Infants we are delighted to have them here.

Punctuality and Attendance The overall figure for attendance last week was 95% which is still below the expected national average. Unfortunately, the number of lates rose to 72 incidences of lateness. If your child is late to school, not only do they miss the important start to the school day, they interrupt the learning of others who have made it in to school on time. The gates close at 9:00am; after this time children will need to enter past the office and collect a late mark.

Year 6 trip to Broadstone Warren The year 6 of Pegasus Academy Trust all went on a team building exercise last week. Amongst other things, they went climbing and potholing. Everyone had an excellent time and managed to get thoroughly muddy. Look out for some photos on the website soon. Again, the children were excellent ambassadors for the school and made many new friends across the Trust.

Year 5 Roman Theatre Workshop The Romans invaded the school last week as a theatre workshop visited to support the Year 5 children with their thematic curriculum work. The children have been learning about Boudicca and the Celts alongside the Roman Empire in Britain. The workshop did a really great job of helping to bring history to life. Again, keep an eye on the website for some photos appearing soon.

Harvest Festival On Friday 12th October we will be celebrating harvest in school. This year we are collecting food to make up parcels for The Salvation Army. These parcels will then be distributed to people in need, in Croydon. If you would like to contribute, we will be collecting items in class next week. Please send in non - perishable items (tins, dried food) between Monday and Thursday. These will then be parcelled up for collection on Friday.

Macmillan Coffee Morning. Many thanks to all the parents and children who donated cakes or money for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see so many parents attending and we managed to raise over £185! Thanks also to Mrs Hammond and Miss Dykes for their hard work setting up the event.

Other events in the coming weeks

Friday 12th October Harvest

Week Beginning 15th October Black History Week

23rd and 24th October Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 17th October Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents

Friday 26th October Last Day of Half Term.

Monday 5th November INSET day - School Closed