

Ecclesbourne Primary School Newsletter 9th May 2014



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy start to the summer term with lots going on in school. Year 6 have been working extremely hard to prepare for their SATs. This is the culmination of all the work they've done in primary school and an opportunity to show all that they've learnt. Year 2 sit their end of key stage one tests as well, giving them the opportunity to show that they are ready to move on to key stage two and the next stage of their primary education.

Away from academic subjects, the school continues to broaden the range of activities it offers your child. This week a group of dancers from Ecclesbourne took part in the semi-final of the 'Let Your Feet Compete' dance competition, coming in 2nd place and making it through to the finals to be held at the Fairfield Halls on 7th July. Well done to them. This weekend will also see the first performance of our Djembe Orchestra as they take part in the Royal Russell Festival of Music. We wish them well. I would like to thank all the members of staff and parents who support our children during these extra-curricular events. We really appreciate your hard work.

There are lots of dates for the diary coming up so please pay attention to the details below.

<u>The sun is coming – hopefully</u> Now that the summer is upon us, with the prospect of sunshine, please apply sun-cream prior to your child coming to school and send them with a protective hat on sunny days. If you want your child to wear a baseball hat for sun protection, then it is school policy that this should be a Pegasus baseball hat. These are now available to buy online via our website. Other types of sun hat can be of your own choosing. Please ensure all school clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

<u>Attendance and Punctuality</u> I'm pleased to say that the overall attendance for the spring term was an improvement on last year with 96% and that last week, we had two classes achieving 100% for the week. Well done to Jupiter and Shuttles class. Unfortunately, we still have around 30 children being late once or twice a week. This can have a very detrimental effect on you child's readiness for learning so please try to ensure that your child is on time every day.

Other events in the coming weeks

W/c 12th May - Year 6 SATs week Thursday 15th May - Year 3 to the London Wetland Centre W/c 19th May - Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight Thursday 22nd May– Polling Day– School closed Friday 23rd May Satellites class assembly 11am Friday 23rd May-Last day of half term - 3:15pm close Monday 2nd June– First day back after half term break Friday 6th June Galaxy class assembly 11am Friday 13th June Comets class assembly 11am Friday 27th June– INSET Day– School Closed Saturday 28th June- Pegasus Family Fun Day at Ecclesbourne Primary School 11-2pm Tuesday 8th July - Key Stage One Sports' Day Wednesday 9th July - Key Stage Two Sports' Day Friday 11th July - End of year reports go home Tuesday 15th July - Open evening Tuesday 22nd July-Last day of academic year

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