



# Ecclesbourne Primary School

## Newsletter 30th January 2017



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

It seems that we've only just got back from the Christmas break but there has already been lots going on in school. We have been treated to class assemblies from Meteors and Planets class and it has been lovely to welcome parents into the school to see their children perform and hear about what the children have been learning. This week we have our exciting Museum Day which offers parents another opportunity to visit the school and find out more about what the children have been learning in their Thematic lessons. Read on for more news of the exciting things that have been happening and make sure you note the dates below for upcoming events.

**Cinderella's wedding:** Year One celebrated the wedding of Cinderella and Prince Charming last week. The children all got dressed up to watch the ceremony, enjoy the wedding breakfast and then share the dances they have been learning. All of this is a great source of inspiration for some wonderful writing. The Year One team worked extremely hard to set up this event and the children looked fantastic in their wedding outfits.

**The Pegasus Choir at the O2:** Children from Ecclesbourne joined over 7000 other children to perform at the O2. Children travelled to Greenwich, to the iconic venue, by train and river boat for a day's rehearsal followed by the concert. It was a long day with a late night journey home by tube but it was well worth it. Many thanks to Mr Spoerer and all the staff who helped.

**Year 4 to the British Wildlife Centre:** As part of their ongoing Science work on habitats, Year Four went on a visit to the British Wildlife Centre last week. The centre houses species that live in Britain but many of them are rarely seen. Pupils were able to see and learn about a huge variety of natural British wildlife such as foxes, deer, badgers, red squirrels, otters, pole cats, harvest mice, hedgehogs and even a pair of Scottish wildcats! The children heard all about the animals and how they live from the keepers. Everyone had a great time despite the freezing weather. Maybe, next year, they'll be able to visit in the Spring or Summer.

**Punctuality and Attendance:** Last week's attendance winners with 98.1 were Venus. Well done to them. Sadly, we still face an ongoing battle with punctuality. It was disappointing to note that last week we had 50 incidences of lateness. Some children were late 3 out of the 5 days and it is often the same names that appear week after week. Please make an extra effort to get your child in school on time if you are one of the persistent offenders as our Educational Welfare Officer is now looking into this.

**How was your day?:** I'm sure many of you ask this question at the end of the day and get a fairly non-descript "Okay" in response. Try reframing the question to ask your child "What was the best thing you learned today?" and see if this can get your child talking about what they did at school today.

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

**Friday 3rd February** - Museum day  
**Friday 10th February** – last day of half term  
**7th and 8th March** - Parents' evenings  
**Friday 10th March** - Saturn class assembly 11:00am  
**Friday 17th March** - Astronauts class assembly 11:00am  
**Friday 31st March** - End of spring term

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