



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 13th September 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a good break and is feeling refreshed ready for the year ahead. It is lovely to see all of our pupils again after the summer holidays. It is also lovely to welcome new pupils and parents to the school. Thank you to everyone for ensuring that the children turned up looking so smart in correct school uniform and footwear. I hope that we can maintain this same standard throughout the school year. As ever, there are lots of exciting things coming up so keep an eye out for letters about what is happening in school and keep up to date through the website at www.pegasusacademytrust.org.

A plea: We are pleased to welcome our new children to the Pegasus Academy Trust and, of course, to see all our returning children revitalised and ready for their new learning. September is a time for new school beginnings but for the office staff in our schools it also brings one gigantic task. By the 6th October we must complete the school census on which our funding for the next school year (September 2020 - September 2021) is based. In a time where money in schools is as tight as it is at the moment it is crucial that we receive all the funding that we are entitled to and that's where we need your help.

If you are entitled to any benefits or have been in the past a check of your National Insurance (NI) number will let us know if we can claim more funding. We will ask you to share this with us;

If you speak another language at home we need this information. We are funded additional amounts for the number of children who speak different languages at our schools.

If your child came to us from another school or nursery and they had help there for any kind of special educational need (SEN) then we need this information. We will also revise our database for those already in the school who have SEN.

Each one of these pieces of information means more money for the school which will be spent on your children. Please help us by supporting school staff as they seek to claim every penny that we are entitled to. We have one month to get this right and value your support.

Pop up Book Hut: Some of you will have noticed a strange green shed by the entrance to the school. This is our Pop up Book Hut. The hut contains a selection of books that the children are welcome to take away and read. Although we ask for the books to be returned if you have enjoyed it so much that you want to share it with someone else then please pass it on. Also if you have a spare book or two at home that you have enjoyed then you can leave it in the pop up book hut for someone else to enjoy. Hopefully, this will encourage children to read a wider selection of books and pick up some titles that they might not have otherwise chosen. Why not come and enjoy a book and a bagel at breakfast time?

Jeans for Genes Day/ MacMillan Coffee Morning: This year, on Friday 20th September, we will be supporting the charity event 'Jeans for Genes'. This is a national event that encourages people to wear their jeans to work or school for a small donation. The money goes to support the charity in its valuable work supporting children with genetic disorders. As well as this, we will also once again be supporting the MacMillan Coffee Morning event on Friday the 27th September. This is a great chance to come in to school, meet some other parents, eat some cake and have a chat. Further details of these events will come home in a letter.

Parent MACs: Some of you will recall from last term that we are, once again, recruiting Parent Members of the Academy Council (MACs) I have had a couple of expressions of interest but would like to extend this opportunity to new parents or anyone else who may have missed the previous message. If you are interested, please speak to Mr Robins.

Diary dates: Please see the reverse of this newsletter for a copy of this year's term dates. Further dates will follow.

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