



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Tuesday 12th February 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

The half term has flown by and it is striking to think that we are already at the mid-point of the year. It won't be long until the daffodils are up and we can start to look forward to some lighter evenings and warmer days (hopefully).

Museum Day It was lovely to see so many parents visiting the school for our Museum Day. I'm sure that you were as impressed as I was with all the learning that has been taking place and the lovely artwork on display. It was a fantastic opportunity to hear the children talk so enthusiastically about their learning and the processes they used to create various models. The day serves as a valuable reminder of the importance of keeping creativity in the curriculum as well as the traditionally more academic subjects like reading, writing and maths.

In the Event of Snow A reminder that in the event of extreme weather it may be necessary to close the school. We will always endeavour to keep the school open but sometimes, if staff cannot get in to school or the site becomes unsafe, it may be necessary to close. We will inform parents of any closure by sending a text and by updating the school's website. Parents can also check for details at <http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck>.

Road Safety Please can I urge all parents to reinforce messages about how to cross roads safely particularly if your child travels unescorted to school. We have had a couple of near misses lately and an accident where a child was hurt. This seems especially important on dark, wet mornings when children come to school with their hoods up and rain makes for poor visibility. Obviously, the responsibility lies with drivers but we all want the children to make it safely to school and home again. Unfortunately, there are some irresponsible drivers out there and children must be vigilant when crossing roads.

World Book Day. This year World Book Day falls on Thursday the 7th of March and, as part of our book week celebrations when we return after half term, we will be focusing on reading and writing all about Superheroes. On World Book Day itself, we are inviting the children to dress up as their favourite Superhero or maybe even make up a new hero. Please don't feel pressured to rush out and buy a new costume. We'd love to see how creative people can be with making their own costumes from stuff you already have.

A New Arrival Congratulations to Mrs Earls who gave birth to a baby boy on the 25th of January. Baby George was a very healthy 10lbs 11oz and mother and baby are doing well.

P.E. Kits Please can I remind parents that all children should have a PE kit in school at all times. We recommend that children bring them in every Monday morning and take them home every Friday so they are always here but all children have a peg or locker and the kit can be left in school for the half term if that's easier. No child should be missing PE because of a lack of kit. It is an essential part of the school curriculum. Also, PE kit should contain black jogging bottoms as well as black shorts and a white T-shirt, as the children still go outside even when it is cold.

Other events in the coming weeks

Monday 25th February: Return to school
Thursday 7th March: World Book Day
Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March: Parents' Evening
Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day

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